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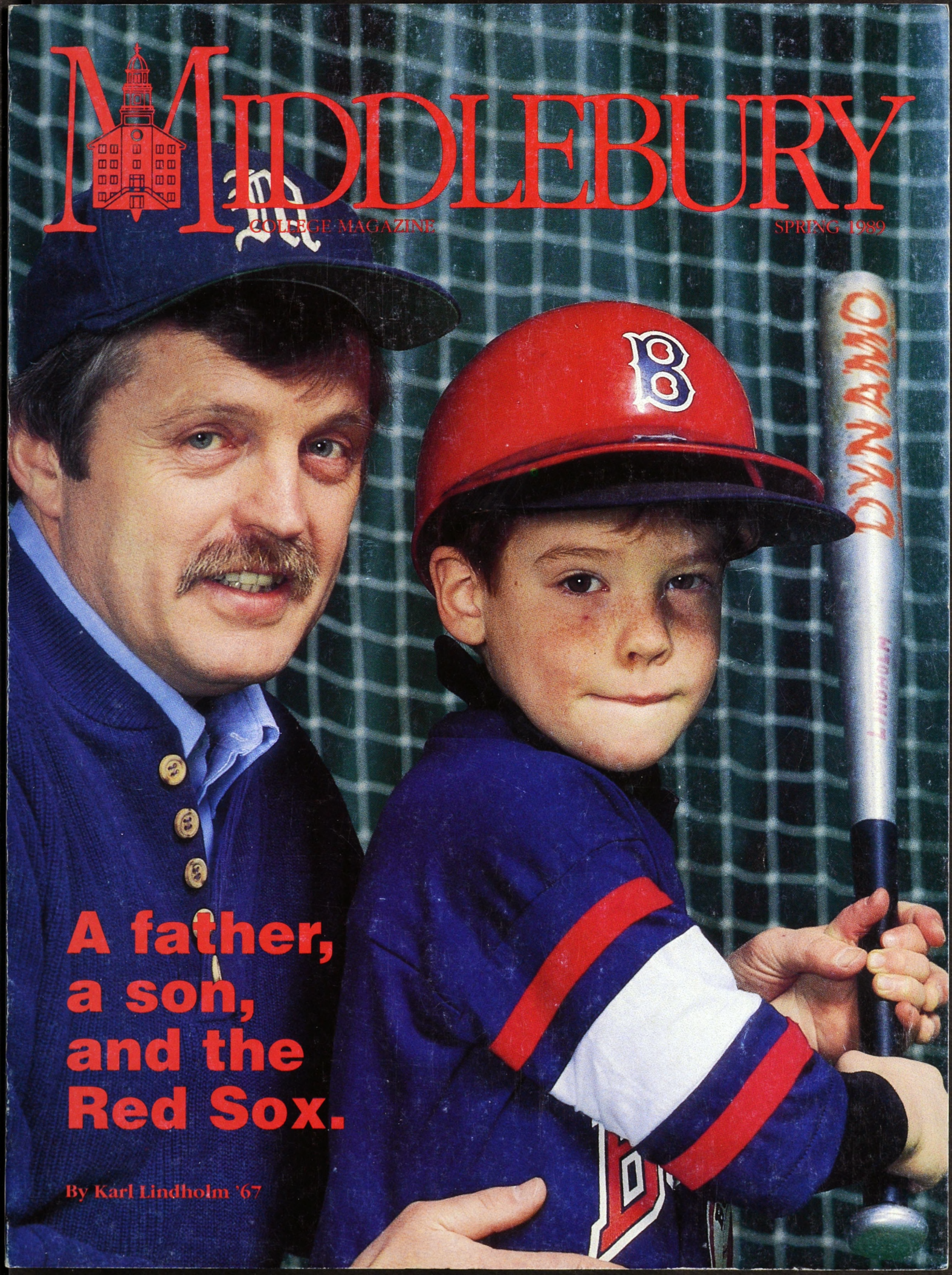

A father, a son, and the Red Sox.

By Karl Lindholm '67

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In mid-January a visitor arrived at our door, with a smiling face that was vaguely familiar. "Hi, how are you?" we began, stalling for time. Then it came back to us—Jennifer Cote, Class of 1987 and a half. I wrote about Cote and her friend Sallie Bryan (same year) in this space a year ago. They were about to set off on a cross-country bike trip to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"You're back!" It was just a short visit, she explained. How was the trip? Even better than they expected it would be: "The beauty of this country is amazing." So were the people they met on the way. They didn't pay for a single accommodation until they reached Colorado, she noted, when towns became fewer and farther between; oftentimes they'd just start talking with people in country stores at the end of each day, and the people would offer their backyards for camping. Cote and Bryan rode backroads until they reached the Far West, where the only way to get around is on the interstates; they spent a week in the Grand Canyon: "The desert was awesome." They also raised $15,000 for the Cancer Society.

Cote talked for 20 minutes or so; most people, she smiled, don't let her go on so long. "It's like trying to talk to someone about a Jack Kerouac novel," she said. "It's impossible sometimes to explain to people what it encompassed."

Then she left—and that's the end of that update. We offer it, in part, because we thought you'd be interested—but also because Jennifer Cote's return signals something else. The current editorial regime at Middlebury Magazine has been in place for almost three years. Stories are coming back to us; we've got some history at Middlebury now.

We're finishing our junior year, in a sense. And it really has taken us three years to get the magazine, in its latest form, figured out. We think we're finally doing pretty much what we set out to do.

We like to call the magazine "the College's biggest classroom." Sometimes we do literally lift things right out of the Middlebury classroom and give them to you. John Spencer's article about Kenya in this issue, for example, began as a lecture. Another story in this issue takes you into the classroom of Sociology Professor Peg Nelson; students find that an exciting place to be, and so we thought you would, as well.

In our classroom, we have over 34,000 seats, which makes class discussion difficult. Class notes, if you think about it, provide one end of that discussion. And our letters pages are gaining strength, too. You won't be surprised that in our current issue, the letters are dominated by a discussion of fraternities on campus; we hope you will be surprised by the wide range of opinions.

Fraternities, you say, aren't exactly a classroom issue? Yes and no. In fact, faculty members argue that the lives students lead outside the classroom have a big impact on what happens around the discussion table. And at the magazine, we go even a bit further than that.

We're traditionalists; the way we see it, everything that goes on on campus is really an extension of the classroom, and we try to report it that way. At Middlebury, we note, athletics coaches have academic appointments. And we don't call students anything different when they go back to their dormitories; they're "students" until they graduate.

And what about after they graduate? One of the ideas behind a liberal arts education, of course, is that one remains a student for life. And that's where we come in. As Middlebury College sets about educating its on-campus students about the world in which we all live, our job is to put some of that education in magazine form for you. In many ways, our job might be considered tougher (or easier) than the one professors face in the classroom; our audience, after all, is already college-educated. They know a thing or two about the world—and they're not afraid to tell us so. Which is the way it should be.

We don't expect you to agree with everything you read; we have a big classroom, remember, with room for a lot of different views. And our goal, sometimes, is simply to promote discussion. We hope to do even more of that in the future. —ECE

A correction: On page 42 of our Winter issue, we misidentified a photograph. The member of Delta Upsilon behind the sunglasses is Andrew Frey '90.

LETTERS

Middlebury Magazine *welcomes letters from readers on the contents of the magazine or on topics related to the College. Letters for publication must be signed, and they should be addressed to: Editor,* Middlebury College Magazine, *Wilson House, Middlebury VT 05753.*

Saluting the senator

Editor: The article on Senator Robert Stafford's retirement from public service was a fine and deserved tribute to this outstanding Middlebury graduate.

I had the privilege of serving six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives with Bob; we were among the seven founders of The House Wednesday Group, comprised of the more progressive-type Republican.

I value his friendship and have the greatest respect for his distinguished service to his state and the nation. I hope he and Helen will enjoy many years of happy retirement in Vermont.

STANLEY TUPPER '43
Boothbay Harbor, ME

Progressive politics

In your winter 1989 issue, you have personally written an article in which you bestow the title "progressive democrat" upon Ron Brown '62 and Jesse Jackson. Now it is so that this is either a genuflection to regnant jargon or a misuse of the English language.

However, inasmuch as you use the adjective in the place of the one many of us would feel to be appropriate, that is "extreme left wing," or at the very least "extremist," you will perhaps do us the favor of referring to those who you would usually call "conservative extremists" or "right-wing extremists" as "progressive conservatives." My, how that does change the ring!

Of course, it's all just hocus-pocus: Ron Brown and Jesse Jackson aren't dangerous for how they are camouflaged by coddling reporters, but for what they are: political extremists with very little in common with mainstream democrats or mainstream republicans—the American people, for that matter.

If you are proud of their positions, the least you could do is to declare them openly, and call them what they are. If you hide them behind the gentle appellation "progressive Democrat," you all but confess that there is indeed something to hide.

CLAUDE ROESSIGER '70
Mirror Lake, NH

Reaching out

The international flavor of *Middlebury Magazine*, in the Summer and Fall 1988 issues, is striking. It amazes me to contrast the "Middlebury Summit"—and the subsequent arrival of 52 Soviets, visiting as exchange students of the American Collegiate Consortium for East-West Cultural and Academic Exchange— and the Vermont public school student art exchanges with Soviet school counterparts, with my cozy feelings about little Middlebury cradled in the Green Mountains. Both Soviet exchanges are fabulous ways to increase grassroots understanding between two political "enemies."

When I attended the Summer German School in 1961, the Russian School was relatively new, but full of life. The Summer Russian School danced troikas and folkdances with incredible vigor, good humor, and stamina on the center greensward. I felt they were the liveliest of all the language schools and frankly, I expected this sort of exchange as an outgrowth long before now. Now that Soviet exchanges have finally become so successful, I applaud cozy little Middlebury with the long outreach.

Several friends in Harvard, Mass. sing in the "Sharing a New Song" American-Soviet Choir, which was recently (Nov. 19) awarded a Peace Prize by Beyond War. I passed these articles on to them to see about initiating a similar program in our local schools. Your leadership from the hills extends far outward in international understanding.

On a lower, gastronomical international plane, we enjoyed the story of how to make Polish stuffed cabbage leaves *(how-oupci)* in the Summer issue. This outreach likely will have more lasting success than the professor's classes. While our stuffed leaves only took three hours to prepare instead of the recommended day, they were ever so tasty. Thanks!

CONNIE GOLDSWORTHY SCHWARZKOPF, M.A. '61
Stow, MA

It sticks to a writer's ribs

As a friend, classmate, and co-waiteroid of Tom Funk, I'd like to take this opportunity to heap glowing encomiums upon him for his Autumn '88 essay "Waiteroid."

Tom's non-fictional assessments of the Bread Loaf experience are surely scrawled, in hasty prose, in the tattered journals of every one of us who shared the experience. In the brief yet atemporal rush of Bread Loaf I too relished what Tom termed "intense living." The same thought appears in my journal as "condensed being." I too felt the collective presence of "amazing people", and pared my sleeping habits in order to spend as much time in their magical company as possible.

I am a firm believer that the only way to learn to write is to write, but writers must first have something to write *about*. That's not to say that Bread Loaf students come away wanting to write only of life at Bread Loaf, but that they leave with a fresh view toward being, and so have grown as writers. They leave with a mind of writing.

Reading Tom's essay reminded me just how tenaciously the Bread Loaf atmosphere has clung to me. Its people, its memories, and its inspiration will be sticking with me for a while, too.

ROBERT AICHELE '87
Portsmouth, NH

Case of the missing "Middbits"

In the winter issue of the magazine, a box on p. 6 gives the answer to "Middbits" questions that are said to be on p. 96. Curiously, my copy stopped on p. 56. Did I get the economy edition?

That presumably is why I could not find information about Class of 1949 notes that a friend had mentioned.

SAMUEL I. A. ANDERSON, M.A. '75
Andover, MA

In September 1987, we began sending graduate alumni of the College a magazine without the 40 pages or so of class notes and other material directed specifically at undergraduate alumni. Graduate alumni now get a 56-page magazine, instead of a 96-page magazine. That change isn't quite seamless; the table of contents page in the graduate alumni edition still lists material for pages 57-96. And we put the answers for our new "Middbits" trivia

TAX-WISE GIFTS

BY JANE BRYANT QUINN '60

LIFE WITH A LIVING TRUST

You can do a lot with a living trust—for yourself, for your spouse, and for the College. It's a popular estate-planning tool. It is simpler than the sophisticated charitable trusts that Middlebury offers. And you can tuck in the College as a beneficiary, when the assets in the trust are distributed to your heirs.

Here's how living trusts work:

When you have a living trust, it holds title to your house, bank accounts and other assets. Your trustee manages those assets—and you can name yourself trustee. Or you and your spouse can be co-trustees. You name beneficiaries of the trust, just like beneficiaries of a will. In fact, the trust can all but supplant your will (but keep a will in the background, just in case).

As trustee, you have exactly the same control over your money as you have now. You can move assets in and out of the trust, as you please; invest them as you like; use income and principal; juggle the terms of the trust and the beneficiaries; even revoke the trust altogether. (For this reason, living trusts are also called "revocable trusts".) If you name someone else as your trustee and he or she won't follow orders, you can fire him and install someone else.

Some reasons why you might want a living trust:

1. *To avoid probate.* Property in trust goes directly to the beneficiaries when you die, without pausing in the probate court. It is often a faster and cheaper way of distributing an inheritance (although distribution can be held up for reasons other than probate, and settling nonprobate estates can cost money, too). Owning out-of-state property in a living trust saves probate in that second state (as does owning the property jointly).

2. *To get professional money management.* If you don't feel good about running money yourself, you can give it to an investment manager or bank trust department to handle for you, in trust. You can switch to a different manager if you don't like the results.

3. *To have someone on tap to handle your money if you're incapacitated.* I know, I know. It's never going to happen to you. But I'm from the school that wears a belt and suspenders. If you're brain damaged in an accident, have a stroke or grow senile—and don't have a living trust—a court would have to appoint a guardian for you. Certain jointly held property couldn't be sold until your spouse was formally named conservator.

If you don't see the need for suspenders immediately, you could establish a standby living trust with no money in it. If you ever become mentally incompetent, the person with your power of attorney could then activate the trust, put your property into it, and arrange for it to be properly managed.

4. *To continue the management after your death.* The money doesn't have to be paid right out to your heirs. It can be held until they're old enough, or managed permanently for someone not able to handle it. You can accomplish the same thing by setting up a trust in your will. But a living trust lets you test the manager before delivering your family to his or her care.

5. *To keep matters private.* Wills are public documents, and so are court hearings to establish mental incompetence. Trusts aren't.

The drawback? Principally, the paperwork. You have to buy and sell trust assets as trustee, which is more complicated than normal. An active investor may prefer to hold stocks outside the trust. Also, living trusts don't save income taxes. As long as you control the property, the income will be taxed to you.

When the first spouse dies, a successor—typically a trust company or investment advisor—steps in as co-trustee with the surviving spouse. When the second spouse dies, the trust usually terminates. The assets are distributed to your heirs—including, perhaps, a bequest for Middlebury.

Bequests, large and small, are important to the College. With combined federal and state inheritance tax rates often topping 60 percent, a charitable bequest can also be a welcome estate tax deduction.

Learn more about the living trust and other tools from Mike Schoenfeld, director of the College's planned giving office. You can write him at the College or call him at (802)388-3711, extension 5200.

Jane Bryant Quinn writes columns on personal finance for Newsweek *and* Woman's Day *and her twice-weekly column for the* Washington Post *is syndicated to more than 250 newspapers. She recently hosted her own series on the Public Broadcasting System, called "Take Charge!" and is the author of* Everyone's Money Book, *published by Delacorte Press.*

page in the graduate school edition, as well. In the current issue, we've moved those answers to page 95. —Eds.

More on "Middbits"

What interested me most about the "Middbits" page in the Winter 1989 *Middlebury Magazine* was the picture at the top of the page.

My father, Paul T. Reed, '29, is the person on the left. I recognize the picture because I have several of the same vintage and location—in the late '20s by the DU house. It would be interesting to see if anyone can identify any of the others in the picture.

JANET S. REED '61
Chicago, IL

I enjoyed very much reading through your new section on Middlebury trivia in the Winter 1989 issue. I did, however, find an error in one of the questions. The Horatio Seymour (1813-1872) who graduated from Middlebury in 1832 is *not* the same Horatio Seymour (1810-1886) who unsuccessfully ran for President in 1868 on the Democratic ticket. The latter was the first cousin of "our" Horatio, and (to further confuse things) was named for "our" Horatio's father, Horatio Seymour (1778-1857), a Middlebury College trustee, Middlebury resident, and U.S. Senator from Vermont (1821-1833). The latter Horatio (1778-1857) had a brother Henry Seymour, and it is Henry who is the father of the Horatio who later ran for President, and who named his son after his brother.

Horatio Seymour (1778-1857) was also the father of Emma Seymour Battell, mother of Joseph Battell (Class of 1860), benefactor of the College and the town of Middlebury.

I assume that you used the information in the extremely useful (and usually accurate) *Middlebury College General Catalogue of 1950*: unfortunately, Horatio Seymour (Class of 1832) is confused with his cousin in that reference.

DAVID M. STAMESHKIN
Lancaster, PA

Fraternities and the social scene

Isn't it hilarious that certain individuals who for the most part did not attend Middlebury can take such liberties as to direct its social life? As educators, the faculty members I have known were eminently qualified and respectable. As a collective social governing force, their opinions should only be taken with a truckload of salt. Unless things have changed dramati-

cally at Middlebury since my 1987 graduation, the recent faculty proposals show just how out of touch they are with Middlebury's social scene. I can only be thankful that they neither own nor run the College.

Few alumni would disagree that the value of the Middlebury experience goes well beyond the classroom. Indeed, I can honestly say that most of my favorable College memories are owed not to my coursework but to the friendships I made in a fraternity. In a school of less than 2000, it is hard enough to foster diversity; Professor Wolfson's "glorified dormitory" proposal would significantly reduce the beneficial non-conformist attitudes that fraternities seem to propitiate. Some have suggested that recent fraternity closings at Amherst and Colby are examples that Middlebury should follow. I earnestly hope that the trustees have the vision not to fit that kind of a mold.

MARK BEERE '87
Chicago, IL

It's not the Sixties anymore

Re: Professor Victor Nuovo's proposal to ban fraternities.

The term "cultural lag" was popular when I was at Midd. It remains a usable term—quite applicable to the current expostulating of the Middlebury faculty (as reported in the latest *Middlebury College Magazine*.) I would be particularly interested in knowing the percentage of the current Middlebury faculty who attended undergraduate/graduate school during the 1960s, when the pendulum took a broad anti-Greek swing.

As a 1958 Middlebury graduate who now has a student in college, I bring surprising news to the intransigent anti-Greeks on our current faculty: the pendulum is swinging in the direction of the Greeks. And to those who clamored for "freedom" in the 1960s, I can only suggest that they allow the current undergraduates to interpret "freedom" for themselves.

The faculty "minimum standards of reform" as reported in the *Middlebury College Magazine* are ridiculous:

1) *Fraternities must cut ties with national organizations.* Why? A few months after my graduation from Middlebury, I vacationed in California and visited the chapter of my sorority at UCLA. I saw this as a genuine benefit of belonging to a national organization.

2) *They must no longer use Greek letters.* I would certainly like to see someone's rationale for this insanity.

3) *They must no longer use the gender-specific term "fraternity"*. Come on, faculty, women have moved beyond such quibbling. (Furthermore, so few people know Latin that it's unlikely the derivation of the term is common knowledge.) Good grief, are you now singing the "Alma Persona" at Middlebury?

4) *They must present a plan that would lead to equal representation of women in their organizations.* Ho hum. This was an experiment that was tried with vigor in the 1960s and 1970s. In retrospect, many institutions and organizations have found they liked it better when men had their clubs (or dorms) and women theirs.

I'll be following the developments at Middlebury with extreme interest.

BARBARA R. DOODY '58
Upland, CA

It's not a faculty issue

[The following letter was addressed to the "President, Trustees, Dean of Faculty," with a copy sent to the magazine]

Gentlemen: As a member of the class of '46 and Delta Upsilon fraternity, I'd like to offer a few thoughts on the matter confronting the Midd chapter.

I'm perturbed that the incident of the "blood-spattered female mannequin" took place—a repeat of the ice-sculptured phallus in front of the DU house some years ago. Both displays reflect an absence of mature leadership and sensitivity to the feelings of others. All house members should be punished to remind them of the importance of selecting wise leaders, and the consequences of failing to speak out when that leadership is flawed.

Having said that, I am astounded that the faculty has the affrontery to involve itself in a matter that is surely administrative. Worse, to coerce the fraternities by insisting they agree to drop national affiliation and become co-ed, or else, can only be labeled blackmail. This is one of the most flagrant examples of a faculty running amok of which I'm aware.

I enjoyed a superb experience at Midd in the fall of '42. The demonstrated leadership on campus, in athletics, and in academics, of most of the juniors and seniors in most of the fraternities that fall was outstanding. None more so than DU. With no cars, no drugs, insignificant liquor problems, no co-ed dorms, compulsory chapel, restricted social hours, fraternities and sororities, *respect* for the faculty and physical facilities (which were quite modest by today's standards), and a world at war, the entire undergraduate student body shared a deep sense of community interest. All 900 of us. Even we used a four-letter word frequently: Good morning; good lecture; good skiing; good hiking; good sermon; good term paper; good record hop; good night.

Virtually all of our student leaders—male and female—accepted responsibly the role model with which they were entrusted. As a freshman I wanted, and needed, the guidance they provided. I quite deliberately selected DU because its leaders and members appeared to offer the ethical, moral, and lifestyle values I was seeking. Happily, they accepted me, along with Dave Thompson and other similar-minded fine classmates. This sort of process has been taking place across America, without faculty interference or influence for, in the case of DU, over 150 years. An examination of those graduating from relatively small colleges who, by any reasonable standard, are judged successful leaders in adult society would disclose, I'm confident, a disproportionately high percentage of fraternity members.

We're all aware of the importance of small groups for effective leadership: 12 students per class; four men per WWII fire-team; five workers per leadman/woman in industry, etc. Most of us will concede the importance of healthy competition to bring out the best in us. Fraternities can provide these, in fostering better grades, interpersonal skills, better personal habits, and a keener appreciation for routine financial matters.

Fraternities are not for all; and all are not for fraternities. I can't help but wonder how many of Midd's faculty, who are attempting to blackmail the fraternities and administration, were fraternity members at a college of similar size?

I've been most displeased with reports concerning Dartmouth and Stanford, among others, where the focus of the faculty does not seem to be on what the *customer* wants. And the customer, I submit, is more than likely the *parents*, not the student. We each have the right to join an organization of our choice. And God help us the day the law of the land dictates that all organizations must be open to everyone, of whatever sex, persuasion, intelligence, social background, etc., etc.. Young men need male role models. Young women need female role models. It is just that simple and uncomplicated.

I picked Middlebury as my number one choice in '42 and was never happier than the day the letter of acceptance arrived, unless it was the day I became a freshman. Although the war prevented me from graduating with my class (the Navy sent me to Tufts for my final year), I have always considered myself a Middlebury

alumnus, tried to attend the reunions, and have given regular financial support. My wife is also of the class of '46. Business was good to us, and we retired at age 54.

My will mentions Middlebury. To speak plainly, in language perhaps the faculty will recognize, if fraternities are forced out, or forced to become co-ed, then you can expect my will to be modified. Sure, times have changed since '42-'46. Does this imply that changes had not taken place since our founding in 1800? Yet, Midd and DU, and some of the other fraternities I expect, have been mutually supportive for over 150 years with generally excellent results. Let some other campus conduct a social experiment.

And faculty: for an annual fee of $18,000 per student I suggest you look inward toward optimizing your teaching skills in the *classroom*; let the Executive concentrate on matters of education!

ROSS BROWN '46
Marathon Shores, FL

Whose life is it anyway?

Middlebury College without fraternities?—Dullsville!

How would the faculty like to be told by the College Trustees to what professional organizations they had to pay dues? And that they were required to live in a certain type of housing? Professor Nuovo would clamor for the return of his basic freedoms. So too Middlebury students, who are adults, have and should enjoy the variety of social freedoms enjoyed by adults of other social strata.

Social activities that are in poor taste (eg., the DU incident), are regrettable. Sometimes young people err in their judgment; it is axiomatic to attaining maturity. Much more is likely to be learned through the commission of certain acts and reaping the reaction, than by removing of the opportunity to commit these acts by a paternalistic, condescending *in loco parentis* college.

Futhermore, in-town campus social activities where alcohol is served are less dangerous than encouraging students to drive long distances to and from out-of-town alternatives.

Professor Nuovo, if you really want a better College, be more tolerant, more safety conscious, and more respectful of basic adult freedoms. As any wise parent knows, the best way to ensure a mature behavior is to expect it, not to infantalize the very ones expected to behave maturely.

DOUGLAS R. MACKINTOSH '66
Herndon, VA

Is Garry Trudeau watching?

Interesting issue Winter 1989. Seems the college is raising one house (IIEA) and trying to raze a few others. Nothing like a little fraternity bashing to rile the troops and raise the hackles of the old fogies.

My condolences to your Ms. Lynch who observed that some faculty members took the fraternity issue to "see themselves as the moral keepers of (our) intellectual and social lives," but did not offer an alternative to abolishing fraternities.

I would point out to Ms. Lynch that such moral moguls are not confined to the college campus or professorial ranks. Nor will this be her last encounter with the breed. Literature on the subject does, however, optimistically show that those who dictate our morals seldom succeed. Very likely Mr. Nuovo has just permitted his indignation to get in the way of his intellect. Better...we are both acquainted with the faculty member past and present who under these circumstances might foster discussions so that each of us might form our own moral judgments. And such discussions might well lead to a multiplicity of conclusions and alternatives.

Now Chair Richard Wolfson I like. While his "articles of change" sound a bit pompous, I would like to sign them.

Most Middlebury fraternities would unbegrudgingly divorce their nationals. Indeed, much to the consternation of national officers, Middlebury fraternities have always been independent in dogma and action.

Dropping Greek letters would not be a hardship. And might avoid lawsuits of infringement by Greek letter management consultants or computer manufacturers. Fraternities could become tribes...just like at summer camp. I for one would like to be a Kishacoquillas. Or how about animals. The DUs could be horses. The KDRs (to the envy of every Stanford student) could be aardvarks. Or we could invent names. I would like to be a paid-up member of the PoBas.

What's in a name. Clubs. Societies. A moniker cannot influence social behavior...as Princeton's eating clubs can attest.

And lastly we come to the subject of gender. The article points out that no Middlebury women have chosen to join a fraternity in several years. Sexism. Proves that in certain instances women just exercise better judgment than men.

When all of Victor Nuovo's bombast subsides. When all of the great and lesser councils meet, and suggest, and endorse, the core of the issue lies in Wolfson's suggestion "that the fraternities could help the College to develop new systems of small, coeducational, special interest houses, making use of existing fraternity buildings..."

What Wolfson is recommending is that Middlebury replace fraternities with fraternities albeit co-ed and by another name.

Now that is the kind of Yankee pragmatism I like. And Wolfson seems to even recognize the concept of acceptable "special interest" that does not always have anti-intellectual connotations.

Now that we have solved the problem, can we lighten our respective loads and return to the business at hand before we all end up in Doonesbury?

HARRY M. ORAM '57
Paoli, PA

The answer: more fraternities

Well, here we go again. Your article on the status of the fraternity system ("Faculty Proposes Dramatic Changes," Winter '89) brings out in a very even-handed manner many of the concerns of the faculty and the students these days, however, there are still a few informational tidbits worth mentioning.

My how time flies when you're talking about fraternities. It seems to me that I recall when a recent 25th reunion class was presented a collage of items from their days in school. Among the clippings were headlines from *The Campus* retelling the pressing issues of the time. And, you guessed it, the main topic then was the proposed banning of fraternities. It is a fact that there exists a fraternity cycle of good and bad times. Indeed, had it not been for the incident at Delta Upsilon, the 1988 school year might well have been regarded as the best in recent times for the fraternity system, showing the fineness of the line between positive and negative perceptions. But, the existence of a cycle alone is not reason for removing the system. To eliminate a problem, we must cut at the roots, not the occasional ugly blooms. Still, the faculty's "articles of change" seem not to address this well-known fact.

Article 1: Fraternities must cut ties with their national organizations. Does anyone really believe that the national organizations are to blame for their members' behavior? Or, perhaps the faculty thinks that the Grand Poobah of each national fraternity secretly whips the local brothers into a sexist frenzy via unannounced visits to the chapters across the U.S.? Instead of curbing these falsehoods, eliminating the ties to a national organization does damage to the few constructive influences it

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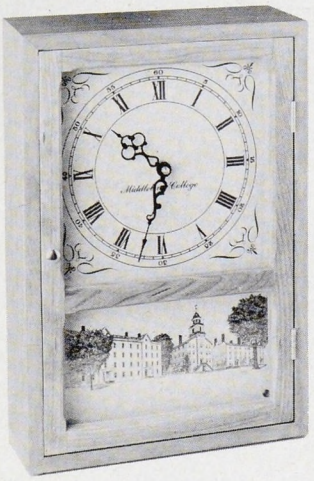

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can impart to the local chapters through collective insurance policies, scholarships, educational conventions, employment services, etc. Eliminating national ties is really an attempt at hurting the ego and pride of many chapters: not a constructive criticism, but a cheap-shot.

Article 2: They must no longer use the Greek letters of their fraternities. Yes, a stereotype and past history resides with each of the fraternities' names, but the past cannot be changed. Besides, does the faculty really think that the incident at Delta Upsilon would have been avoided if only the fraternity was called something like, say, "Buttercup"? The point of this article escapes me completely.

Article 3: They must no longer call themselves by the gender-specific term "fraternities". While I cannot speak for women, I doubt if the term "fraternity" and its Greek roots to the word "brother" is the reason that women do no join them. For example, when DKE was first refounded in 1984, it was deemed a club, organized under the school's own guidelines. Yet, curiously, I did not hear a sigh of relief from the women at school, as much as to say, "Phew! Finally, there exists a Greek society that doesn't use that damn 'fraternity' word! Now I think I'll join."

Article 4: They must present plans that would lead to equal representation of women in their organization. This reminds me of an interesting experiment with women membership attempted by KDR in 1983. At that time, women members paid only partial dues and received "little sisters" status allowing them social privileges. If my memory serves me correctly, the "little sister" program was quite popular, attracting somewhere between 40-50 women. At the height of the program, somebody not involved in the program deemed it sexist and started to drive to eliminate it. The stated goal was exactly that of this article, namely equal representation and responsibility for women. Under pressure from the Middlebury Women's Union and then Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott, KDR capitulated and doubled the dues for its women members, thereby enabling the women to join the men in helping clean up after parties, engage in shouting matches to decide party themes, and vote in routine administrative matters. Surprise, surprise, female membership dropped within a week by 100 percent to zero. You must believe me when I tell you that even though men have full representation in fraternities, election time does not bring forward a plethora of candidates for elected office, and that equally few women would clamor for the jobs even if they were permitted to do so.

For the sake of argument, let's assume that the faculty was successful in having all of its proposed articles enforced. Would atrocities like the one at Delta Upsilon be prevented? The answer is, unfortunately, "No." The problems of the culprit(s) were almost certainly developed well before his/their affiliation with DU. The mannequin incident could have easily happened at a private party in Milliken involving the maladjusted individual(s) and some friends. The only difference is that fraternities make better news stories for the papers and are, thus, more embarrassing to the school. Provost Peterson is correct in his blame of the entire student body, and the punishment of DU may well be best tool for educating the entire school on violence towards women.

However, neither removal of the fraternity system nor the proposed changes by the faculty will make steps toward male-female equality. Most women do not want to join a fraternity for the same reason that many men do not want to: the current fraternities do not meet all the needs of the various groups of people who would otherwise join them. For this equality to be possible, the answer is not to force the existing fraternities to change, but to enhance the opportunities while at the same time eliminating the image of elitism that plagues the six-fraternity system currently. Who created the elitism by not allowing for expansion of the system at the height of demand in the mid '80s?

I think if we are to look at the roots of the fraternity system at Middlebury and not get caught-up in the banning of fraternities at other schools (a fad these days) we will discover that the similarities between these banned fraternities and those that make up our system are not so great. Middlebury's is a unique system that needs to be expanded so that the benefits can be enjoyed by all that choose to do so. Punishment of offensive fraternities combined with the eradication of the privileged status the administration has created for them is the answer to the problem Middlebury finds itself facing, not knee-jerk banning of an entire system or the adoption of the faculty's articles which try to accomplish the same objective.

JOHN S. WOOLLEY '87
President, DKE 1984-86
New York, NY

Family ties

I would like to respond to and perhaps give some food for thought on the fraternity issue and the article about it in the Winter issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*.

There are several phrases that have stayed with me since reading the article a few weeks ago and reflecting on it. Some of these are that fraternities "by name and definition are male-dominated organizations" that promote "exclusivity and sexism on campus" and "the only argument in their favor is that they have been here for a long time and that they are difficult to get rid of."

Perhaps the longevity and tenacity of fraternities lies in something deeper and stronger than their simply being male-dominated organizations. That "something" I think is also embodied in its Latin root *frater* and its translations, brother—a strong familial tie. To leave this out of all the discussion and argument seems to me a significant omission.

One of the highlights of our son's graduation from Dartmouth last June was a fraternity dinner, prepared and served by underclassmen for the graduating brothers and their families. The purpose of the dinner was to convey to family members and one another the significance of their fraternity experience. ...We were privileged to be part of the unmistakable embrace of family. In the absence of their own families for four years they had become brothers in a very meaningful sense.

The evening also had the unexpected effect of taking me back to my own college days and I found recollections and faces from 25 years ago crowding in on one another. At Middlebury I had dated for three years and then married a classmate who was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. His brothers were also my friends. I did not have to be nor did I want to be a member of the fraternity to enjoy close friendship with them. All of this is not to suggest that I did not also occasionally witness thoughtless, immature, inexcusable behavior or that these did not exist in my son's fraternity. It was all there 25 years ago—good and bad—as it is today and all must be weighed in the balance.

I think it is also important to note when weighing things in the balance that insensitivity and thoughtlessness are not gender related. Over the past 20 years I have often felt as embarrassed amd demeaned by strident, self-righteous feminist rhetoric as I have at callous male chauvinist remarks. I think that some women's abrasive comments and behavior have been as immature and offensive as their male counterparts and some of the special women's groups that have grown out of the feminist

movement could also be accused of promoting "exclusivity and sexism." While women have made great strides economically and politically they have also at times caused much alienation and polarization with their insistent views and demanding presence. Perhaps the disgraceful DU mannequin is an ugly legacy of that estrangement.

We are a third-generation Middlebury family. My mother graduated in '34, my uncle in '39, my husband and I in '66, and our daughter is a member of the class of '90. My husband was class agent for many years and we are now class secretaries. Since living in Georgia and South Carolina for the past eight years I have tried to spread Middlebury's name and reputation in an area of the country where it is little known by representing Middlebury at local college fairs and being part of the alumni admissions program. Our family's ties are strong and the loyalty and affection we feel for all facets of the college and its traditions are great. Fraternities are one of its important facets and traditions that should not be abolished or modified in such a way that they totally lose their identity and character.

Sensitivity, maturity, and genuine acceptance and closeness cannot be forced or legislated in artificially contrived social groupings such as the proposed non gender-specific units.

RITA KING '66
Hilton Head, SC

A family problem

As an alumnus of Middlebury and a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, I was extremely disappointed and personally hurt by the description of the events that took place at the now infamous May party at DU.

I find it constantly remarkable that the events that take place in the "ivory towers" micro-environment of the bucolic Middlebury community too often reflect the best and the worst of the world at large. Regrettable acts of our children deserve great attention and often provide major opportunities for true learning experiences. Should the child be killed or banned for these mistakes?

Middlebury College once again faces strife within over where socializing will take place. Why is it that the closing of fraternities is a constant rallying point for those chosen few who would seek to impose their moral will rather than promote the development of social conscience and ethical morals within the established community structure?

The role of Midd's fraternities, I am sure, seems to have been reviewed pro and con at length during this most painful soul searching. Fortunately, the forum for public debate provides for the Midd community to truly act and interact like a family. The discussion of such traumatic events will undoubtedly force internal soul searching at many levels; student, social group, professor, committee and College as a collective family. The College can no more be a great number of individuals than can a neighborhood, town, city, or nation. The notion that the answer to preventing anti-social behavior is to ban social groupings (fraternities) is anti-productive, anti-traditional, and repressive. If, as a group, there "seems to be a willingness to ignore terrible things in pursuit of a good time" then the corrections should be handled at a group level. It seems that there is evidence of willful erosion of the family at all levels these days.

Fraternities at Midd have provided the opportunity to learn how to be responsible for one's actions, fiscally, organizationaly, socially, and legally. To take away this important opportunity to learn the consequences of responsibility, develop social skills and long-lasting friendships seems to be destructive and detrimental to the family identity of the Middlebury community.

My deepest Middlebury identity, association, and friendships resulted out of my association with not only my DU brothers but most of the other houses as well. Development of purely intellectual skills without intra-social skills might result in a Middlebury product more akin to a computer programmer than a corporate, political, or social leader.

To those faculty, administrators, and students who consider themselves members of the Middlebury family: Now is the time to consider the security and promotion of the family called Middlebury. Act as a family and solve this problem as a family, don't "pluck out your eyes because it offends."

C. MARTIN SCHUSTER '73
Shorewood, MN

No frats, no threats

Having just completed reading the Winter 1989 edition of the *Middlebury Magazine*, I feel it necessary to write a letter supporting Professors Nuovo and Wolfson's proposal for the abolishment or substantial modification of the fraternity system—and also to express dismay that some alumni feel that they must use monetary threats against the College in order to perpetuate bastions of sexism, elitism, and anti-intellectualism.

It seems absurd to me that the one defense over and over again in the fraternity issue is that they perform community service. It is not that I doubt that they actually perform community service, but rather that there are many groups on campus that perform community service and do not cause all the serious problems that the fraternities do. Further, a few good deeds do not cancel out a host of bad actions. Doing community service does not strike me as any defense to charges that have been levelled, rather, it strikes me as a plea to avoid real issues!

The other thing I find I must write about is a letter to the editor in the Winter *Magazine* that threatens the annual fund of the College if the decision about the fraternities does not go the writer's way. It is disgusting that an alumna would threaten the College with not giving to the annual fund in order to get her way; nor should she make broad generalizations about the alumni of a whole region. There are certain ideals that a liberal arts education tries to embue in its student body. Although I will not try to list them, I dare say that threatening the annual fund in order to blackmail an administration into voting for you is not one of them!

JAMES A. GRAYER '88
Boston, MA

Time for a new tradition

As a student at Middlebury I rarely visited the fraternities, and then only in the company of other women. It was a part of campus where I did not feel safe. I am glad that the College is responding strongly (if slowly) to DU advertizing its victimization of women. Yes, the fraternity system is sexist and needs reform. But it is not alone. In the efforts to root out sexism, look at the whole College.

What is the ratio of women to men in the faculty? In the administration? Receiving scholarship money? Receiving salaries in the top 10 percent? What factors on campus paralyze female students to the extent that they accept such horrifying offenses?

I chose this college in part because it had equal numbers of male and female students. I am proud of its long tradition of women's education. Now is a wonderful opportunity to begin a tradition of equality and consideration and strong support of female students, employees, and family members.

DEBBIE BLANK '79
Whitefish, MT

BOOK REPORTS

Women Artists: An Illustrated History

By Nancy G. Heller '70
Abbeville Press, 1987, 224 pages, $39.95.

There *were* women artists before Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt, the two still best known today. In her illustrated survey of female painters and sculptors from the Renaissance to the present, Nancy G. Heller shows how, despite limitation on their training and travel, a surprising number of women became professional artists, competing with, and occasionally overshadowing, their male counterparts. In this century, as gender-related restrictions have eased to some extent, women have made important contributions to aesthetic movements from Post-Impressionism to Performance art.

Women Artists lives up to its billing as "an illustrated history"; there are 132 full-color plates (as well as 47 black-and-white photographs of some of the artists).

Sunlight and Shadow: The Life and Art of Willard L. Metcalf

By Elizabeth G. de Veer '39
and Richard J. Boyle
Boston U.-Abbeville Press, 1987, $85.

Metcalf was a member of the American Ten, a group of artists who exhibited together for many years early in this century; Metcalf painted in New England almost exclusively after 1903, and his Vermont landscapes were executed in 1878 and from 1920 until his death in 1925.

In addition to *Sunlight and Shadow,* Elizabeth G. (Heldman) de Veer is the author of an unpublished catalogue raisonne of Metcalf's works, for which she has compiled some 1,500 entries.

Robert Motherwell: The Formative Years

By Robert Saltonstall Mattison '74
UMI Research Press, 1987, 256 pages, $44.95.

Art historian Robert Mattison spent eight months in Robert Motherwell's studio, interviewing the artist and studying his published and unpublished writings. The result is an in-depth review of the artist's activities and interests during the early years of his development, from 1940-1949.

Mattison includes accounts of Motherwell's first experiments with "automatism" and collages, as well as the artist's first contact with other Abstract Expressionists. The uncertainty of the years 1943-46, when Motherwell created an *oeuvre* of small oils, (some of which he later bought back and destroyed), was followed by a period of consolidation, laying the groundwork for what was to come.

Sword, Miter, and Cloister: Nobility and the Church in Burgundy, 980-1198

By Constance Brittain Bouchard '70
University of Chicago Press, 1987, 416 pages, $39.95.

In her look at social and ecclesiastical life in the High Middle Ages, Historian Constance Bouchard draws on a wide variety of primary sources to reveal a "surprisingly close" relationship between the nobility and reformed monasteries in Burgundy. Because the region is considered to be the heart of aristocratic and monastic Europe during this era, Bouchard's themes and conclusions can be applied beyond Burgundy to much of Europe.

Divided into three sections, *Sword, Miter, and Cloister* analyzes the familial and social ties between leaders of the church and of the secular society; reevaluates the reactions of noble men and women to monastic reform; and looks at the changing nature of the property that the nobility presented to monasteries and investigates the motives behind those gifts.

The Farm in the Green Mountains

By Alice Herdan-Zuckermayer, translated by Ida H. Washington, M.A. German '50, and Carol E. Washington
The New England Press, 1987, 224 pages, illustrated, $10.95 (paperback).

The author and her husband, Carl Zuckermayer, one of Germany's greatest comedy playwrights, fled Germany and Nazi persecution in the 1930s, finally settling on a farm in the town of Barnard, Vermont. This book began as a series of letters home and became a German best-seller (more than 400,000 copies have been sold since its 1949 publication).

The book is full of stories of the Zuckermayers' farm life—their chickens and ducks, cats and dogs, their party line, the Vermonters they came to know, items from a Woodstock newspaper, the *Vermont Standard,* and the author's trips to the Dartmouth College library. Stories of bright autumn days are followed by descriptions of "long and unimaginably cold" winters. Through it all, the viewpoint is that of a well-educated emigre who came to love Vermont: "The ties to the new land are as strong as if we had always lived there."

Vermonters at Their Craft: Vermont Craftspeople Talk about Their Life and Work

By Catharine Wright '83 and Margaret Means Wright
The New England Press, 1988, 152 pages, photographs, $19.95 (paperback).

"If isolation makes for ingenuity, then Vermont craftspeople must be among the most ingenious in the nation," write the authors of *Vermonters at Their Craft.* "Almost all of the artists interviewed in this book live on a back road ina small rural community, 'a long way from the rich people,' as quiltmaker Susan Sawyer puts it."

Sawyer is one of 30 craftspeople—makers of everything from viola da gambas to found metal sculptures—whose lives and work are discussed in the course of 24 interviews. Many of the craftspeople have Middlebury connections: the book begins with Woody Jackson '70 ("There are an incredible number of closet cow lovers out there") and contains interviews with other Midd grads, including Sabra Field '56. Three of the craftspeople were profiled in the Autumn 1987 *Middlebury Magazine* ("Made in Vermont").

Catharine Wright, who lives with her mother on a tree farm in Cornwall, Ver-

mont, teaches writing at the University of Michigan and makes pots.

Always Gramma

By Vaunda Michaeux Nelson, M.A. English '80
Illustrations by Kimanne Ubler
G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1988, 32 pages, $13.95.

Written for children aged 4 through 8, *Always Gramma* takes on the difficult subject of a grandparent with Alzheimer's disease and is based on the writer's own experience with her grandmother.

"I remember every song Gramma ever taught me," begins a little girl, recounting the good times she and her grandmother have shared. "Then she started acting different." She gets lost on walks alone and forgets to take the cake out of the oven.

When Gramma is placed in a nursing home, grandmother's and granddaughter's roles are reversed. What stays the same is the sense of love and caring: "On sunny days I wheel her through the long halls and out onto the patio behind the nursing home. Gramma pushed me when I was in a baby stroller. Now it's my turn.

"She used to tell me lots of things. Now I tell her about our neighbor's silly cat, about how I beat the school record by jumping rope 103 times without misssing, and about the yellow cake with creamy icing that Mommy and I will bake for her birthday. When I hold her hand, she squeezes mine. I know Gramma knows I'm here."

Voices for Independence: In the Spirit of Valor and Sacrifice

By Jean Wiley Zwickel '35
White Star Press, 1988, 132 pages, $8.50 (paperback).

The author's interest in the cause of Puerto Rican independence began in 1943 when, as a member of the pacifist-religious commune, the Harlem Ashram, she met Pedro Albizu Campos, the revolutionary leader of his country's movement to be free of U.S. control. Over the course of many visits to Puerto Rico, she and her husband met many members of Campos' Nationalist Party, as well as other activists for the cause of Puerto Rican self-determination.

Voices for Independence is a collection of biographical sketches of 49 *Independentistas*, providing a personal introduction to the anti-colonial cause and touching upon many of the colony's social and economic problems. Zwickel is committed to Puerto Rican indendepence; she has, for example, testified before the Decolonization Committee of the United Nations, urging the United States to relinquish its colonial hold on the country.

Few in numbers ("... in past plebiscites, only a small minority declared themselves for independence"), Puerto Rico's *Independentista* movement is strong, argues Zwickel, because of "the deep conviction and courage" of its members.

Saving Belief: A Critique of Physicalism

By Lynne Rudder Baker, Professor of Philosophy
Princeton University Press, 1987, 192 pages, $19.95.

The publishers describe this book by Middlebury Professor of Philosophy Lynne Baker as a stimulating and critical examination of "a wide range of physicalistic conceptions of mind...." The book is divided into two parts; in Part I, Baker argues that "intentional concepts cannot be reduced to nonintentional (and nonsemantic) concepts; Part II argues that intentional concepts are nevertheless indispensable to our cognitive enterprises and thus need no foundation in physicalism."

As "a sustained challenge to the prevailing interpretation of cognitive science," *Saving Belief* "should be read by philosophers, psychologists, and others interested in the philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and cognitive science."

Visionary Science: A Translation of Tillich's "On the Idea of a Theology of Culture" with an Interpretive Essay

By Victor Nuovo, Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy
Wayne State University Press, 1987.

"The principal aim of this study," writes its author, Philosophy Professor Victor Nuovo, "is to present a critical reading of a text, one that—in spite of its youthfulness, its uncertain vision, and manifold flaws—is of the utmost importance to theology in this century." The text is that of an addresss that Paul Tillich gave to the Kant Gesellschaft in 1919—one that marked the beginining of his career as a theologian and interpreter of modern life.

Tillich's talk outlined the program of a new science—a theology freed of the constraints of institutional religion and in tune with revolutionary art, morality, and political life. For Tillich, argues Nuovo, the primary work of the theologian of culture was the envisioning of the earth's future.

Nuovo's translation of Tillich's text as it was originally published is accompanied by an interpretative essay, examining paradoxes and inconsistencies which underlie Tillich's presentation: inconsistencies concerning his theory of the relation of religion and culture and his idea of theological consciousness. Finally, Nuovo attempts to appropriate Tillich's program while avoiding his inconsistencies. The objective he outlines is a relflective faith which is itself attentive to and part of a worldly culture.

The Peruvian Mining Industry: Growth, Stagnation, and Crisis

By Elizabeth W. Dore, Assistant Professor of History
Westview Press, 1988, 308 pages, $21.

Economic historians have often argued that periods of industrial growth and stagnation in developing countries are directly related to fluctuations in the world economy—it's known as the simple dependency theory. And it's a theory that has often been criticized, although seldom confronted with empirical evidence.

Using the Peruvian mining industry as a case study, Elizabeth Dore does just that. Dore draws on previously unused data to challenge that theory and to demonstrate that correlation between the growth of the Peruvian metal mining industry on the one hand and world market prices and production levels on the other is relatively weak. Instead, Dore argues that internal factors—the availability of labor and technical innovations—have been much more important influences on Peruvian mining.

Dore, who has taught at universities in Latin America and Europe, concludes her study by analyzing the causes and effects of the nationalization of two large U.S. mining companies in Peru: she finds that these nationalizations exemplify the Peruvian government's active role in moving private capital out of low-profit industrial sectors into more profitable enterprises.

The magazine has been without a books section for two years. We missed it. We do have a backlog of books to note, so bear with us while we catch up.

DAVID'S STUDIO

A Johnson Gallery exhibition celebrates Professor of Art David Bumbeck's 20 years at Middlebury.

John Huddleston

David Bumbeck characterizes himself as a "shy, private person." He declined to be photographed for the cover of this magazine. In the prints he makes, perhaps, his reserve becomes something else.

Art critic and friend Daniel Brown '68, who wrote the catalog essay for a Johnson Gallery exhibition on the occasion of Bumbeck's 20th year at Middlebury, emphasizes often in his essay the "mysterious" qualities of the prints on display. Bumbeck is fond, Brown notes, of De Chirico's remark, "What shall I love if not an enigma."

Bumbeck's prints often seem to suggest stories, but, as Brown explains, they are really "quasi-narratives." The densely packed images—often focusing on a human figure—provide many specific details and clues. "The plate is a world I inhabit," Bumbeck says. "It's a microcosm of the world." Yet each print offers up only one single, self-contained scene, one Hitchcockian frame from the feature film. And when, under scrutiny, the details somehow don't all add up, the viewer is left with more questions than answers.

Bumbeck exercises a spirit of mystery and gamesmanship in his use of intaglio print-making techniques, as well. Intaglio, from the Italian *intaliare* (to engrave, carve, or cut), is an art form traced to 15th-century Europe. Goldsmiths and armourers, it is thought, began impressing on paper the designs they engraved in metal *objets d'art*. Lines etched into a metal plate collect ink, while the surface is wiped clean. Dampened paper is placed on

THE LAKE, 1987
etching, aquatint, engraving
11.5 inches by 9.75

Prints photographed
by Erik Borg

"A certain mystery, perhaps the mystery of time and space... pervades all of Bumbeck's art," writes friend and art critic Daniel Brown '68, in his catalog discussion of "The Lake": "This mysterious quality has strong spiritual overtones. ... The spirit of things, the essence of things, the perfection implicit in things resounds."

"David Bumbeck: Prints" will hang in Middlebury College's Johnson Art Gallery from March 5 to April 30, 1989.

the plate, and when plate and paper squeeze through an etching press, only the etched lines print.

But intaglio is a catch-all phrase, covering various techniques including engraving, photo-etching, photo gravure, aquatint, mezzotint, and collography. In photo-etching, for instance, photo transparencies are placed on sensitized plates, then the plates are exposed to light. A Bumbeck print may begin as a photo-etching; Bumbeck has compared the photo-etching stage to the under-coating of a painting. But by the time he's reworked the plate, often working for 300 hours on an image and employing several techniques, it becomes difficult to tell what's from the original photo and what's been added, which part of an image is fantasy and which is fact. "Bumbeck refuses to compromise, scrimp, cheat, or fudge," notes Brown. His prints are an exercise of technical skill as well as imagination.

The mystery of where fact and fantasy merge may be Bumbeck's main point. For Bumbeck, says Brown, "Art is life and life is art." His images are often collages, combining real life scenes, objects from his studio, and generous references to Western art and culture, from antiquity to the present. The difficulty of sorting out these often puzzling references, it seems, helps build the general sense of mystery.

As Bumbeck often describes it, his work is that of an "interpreter"; his subject is often art itself, and his goal is to interpret artistic traditions in a contemporary light, with new techniques and perspectives. It's also an intensely personal light; these are Bumbeck's private interpretations and readings of art and life.

For example, Bumbeck's portraits of "Gauguin," the French post-Impressionist, and "Max Beckmann," the enigmatic German modernist, capture these artists in almost intimate moments of reflection and self-absorption. But these portraits are, in fact, Bumbeck's own meditations on the lives and art of these men. Beckmann and Gauguin come alive in these prints, it seems, with the life their paintings have in Bumbeck's own imagination. He fills each plate with images from their art.

Bumbeck came to Middlebury in 1968 with a group of young artists recruited by Arthur Healy and Richard Turner as the art department expanded into the new Johnson Memorial Building. A native of Framingham, Mass., Bumbeck had Middlebury connections in his past: a childhood friend, Charles "Corky" Allen '62 attended Middlebury (sadly, he died in 1962), and his favorite high school English teacher was Priscilla March '31. Bumbeck received a B.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design, and an M.F.A. from Syracuse University. Over the course of his 20 years at Middlebury, in addition to teaching, Bumbeck directed the Johnson Art Gallery from 1973-1985.

His prints have been shown in one-man shows around the country, from the Studio School in Spokane, Wash. (1973), to the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh, Wis. (1973), the University of Georgia (1969), the Everson Museum in Syracuse, N.Y. (1977), and the Mary Ryan Gallery in New York City (1981); his work was most recently part of group exhibitions at the Taipei Fine Arts Museum and the Hudson River Museum of New York. He's been a regular contributor to the annual exhibition of the American Graphic Artists Society, winning awards in 1979 and 1986, and to the North American Print Exhibition, where he has won too many awards to list (his most recent was the 1988 Ture Bengdt Purchase Prize, one of the top awards of the exhibition). He has prints in numerous public collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York Library Print Room, Boston Public Library, the Brooklyn Museum, the Carnegie Institute, and the Library of Congress. Bumbeck was recently named an associate of the National Academy of Design.

As a teacher Bumbeck says he conscientiously tries to avoid imposing his own style upon students—another sign of his characteristic reserve, perhaps. What he does demand of students, however, is a respect for and interest in the work they are doing. Thomas Gura '87 says, "It is very difficult to get to know David because the *art* is his life. David brings the life of art into the classroom. He teaches the limitless availability of techniques, and always seems to increase your effort in the class.

"His standards are so high that it's scary. He would throw away an image after 299 hours if it wasn't right. He insists on maintaining high standards in the classroom although his is not an aggressive personality. It's like taking an English class from Hemingway or poetry from Frost—you're taking an art class from a master."

"Via Toscana" was developed from two photographs Bumbeck took in Tavarnuzzi, an Italian village outside of Florence, in 1979. Photo-etchings from photographs, says Bumbeck, often serve "like an under-painting."

In his catalog essay on the Bumbeck exhbition, Brown suggests that, "Youth/age, life/death are the dialectics of this complex image." Death stalks the old man under the trees on the left; the younger woman on the right, Brown notes, averts her eyes. In direct contrast, however, two Roman lovers kiss in the sky above this scene.

SUMMER, 1983
etching, aquatint, photo-etching, engraving
5.75 inches by 8.25

Brown emphasizes the "stillness" of this image: "This sense of stillness, which pervades so much of Bumbeck's work, seems an attempt to slow down, if not arrest, time itself."

Bumbeck addresses some of the same issues in "Summer." As Brown observes: "The child's motion in 'Summer' is arrested—again as in a photograph—but the image of the child is already in a frame within the picture, implying a time already past, as well as arrested."

The underlying feeling of the image is "nostalgia, and even a touch of sentimentality." But there is a larger message behind Bumbeck's images of children: "The life of a specific child may be brief," Brown suggests, "but the landscape endures... and most importantly, the life of art is endless, timeless, and permanent."

VIA TOSCANA, 1979
photo-etching, etching, aquatint, engraving
10.12 inches by 13.75

Bumbeck's portraits of "Gauguin," the French post-impressionist, and "Max Beckmann," the enigmatic German modernist, seem at first look to capture their subjects in historical moments, at an actual time and place: Gauguin in a Tahiti bedroom, Beckmann dressed for an evening out. Beckmann wears a watch on his wrist; in the Gauguin portrait, tropical flowers and ocean in the window and the Tahitian woman in his bed define the scene in geographical terms.

But neither scene finally adds up. Gauguin's Tahiti exists only behind him; the right side of the picture is a studio, with Tahitian scenes tacked up on the wall. Gauguin raises a sensitive artist's hand as a light shines on the hand, on his face, and across the wall behind him. If this were a bedroom, it could be the morning sun; but Gauguin gazes with almost otherworldly distraction.

MAX BECKMANN, 1985
etching, aquatint, engraving
13.75 inches by 15.75

In physical terms, Beckmann doesn't clearly fit into the scene surrounding him. He maintains an enigmatic composure amid vaguely compromising circumstances; the smoke from his cigarette curls sinisterly.

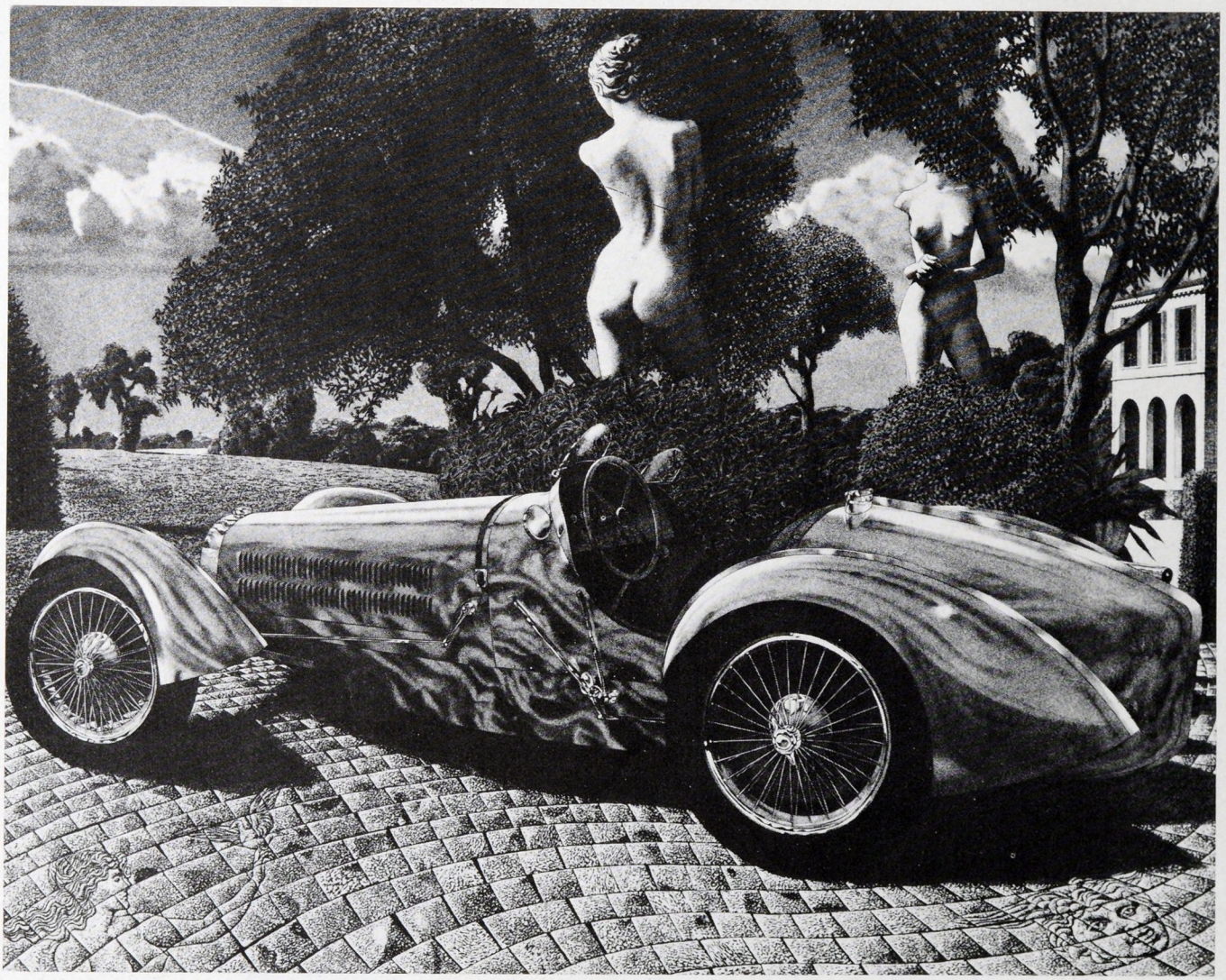
The images around Beckmann and Gauguin are derived from their paintings. The idea for the Gauguin portait came to Bumbeck as he fell asleep one night. "I imagined Gauguin's studio like any artist's studio—maybe my own," Bumbeck says. "The image takes on its own life as an entity—basically an invention, interpretation."

In fact, Bumbeck has three studios—at home, a Johnson classroom, and a private studio just off campus. But the most important studio, he says, "is the one in my brain."

GAUGUIN, 1983
etching, aquatint, photo-etching, engraving
14.75 inches by 17.75

"Idyll" shows Bumbeck's dominating interest in the human form. But Bumbeck also focused on the sand: "The sand is so complex," he says. "Each zone was done separately, studied very hard while I was doing it, considering each shape." (He compares the sand here to the waters of "The Lake.")

In 1986-87, Bumbeck did a series depicting antique cars. In these car prints, Brown notes the characteristic "mediterranean light," references to classical sculpture, and use of "distortion." Speaking of "Grand Prix Bugatti," Bumbeck explains his interest: "Ultimately it's the fascination with this antique car and its unique qualities of form—its spare sleekness—being built and designed for speed only."



GRAND PRIX BUGATTI, 1987
etching, aquatint, engraving
13.75 inches by 17.625

The sculptures behind the car also mark "a return to the figure" (see "The Lake"): "The car series," Bumbeck says, "led me to some new terrific intaglio qualities that I've recently brought back to figure works."

IDYLL, 1982
etching, aquatint, engraving
18.25 inches by 14.75

Granted independence in 1963, Kenya left the basic economic structures of British colonialism in place and seemed to prosper. But 25 years later the long-term effects of colonialism—and its "politics of greed"—can be seen more clearly.

What the British left behind in Kenya

By John Spencer

It was roughly 25 years ago that the colonial era ended in East Africa. First, what is now Tanzania (then Tanganyika) became independent in 1961, then Uganda in 1962 and then, in December 1963, Kenya.

Anyone who was lucky enough to attend Kenya's *uhuru* ceremonies—the transfer of power from Great Britain—will never forget them. A crowd of 50,000 people jammed into a specially-built grandstand on the outskirts of Nairobi.

It was the end of the fall rainy season, and when we arrived, thick clouds shrouded the night sky. But at 11:30 P.M., half an hour before Kenya would become independent, I looked up, and they were gone. It was as if two giant hands had parted a stage curtain, revealing the im-

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Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, inspects the Independence Honor Guard in December 1963.

peccable, star-sprinkled, deep black velvet of the African night. At 11:59 the stadium lights went out, and there in the middle of the arena, standing out in the semi-darkness, were two white poles, one with the Union Jack, the other bare.

Exactly at midnight a band played "God Save the Queen" and the Union Jack slid slowly down. A brief silence, some scattered applause, and then a burst of sound from another band, this time playing the new Kenya national anthem and, with a great roar from the the crowd, the Kenya flag rose to the top of its pole.

Twenty-five years ago many predicted that as soon as the British left, internal divisions and external threats would tear Kenya apart. The nation's 55,000 whites worried that the new African government would get back at them for 60 years of colonial domination during which even the most liberal white settler treated Africans with, as one put it, "benevolent irritation." Even if Kenya's new leader, Jomo Kenyatta, wasn't out to get the whites, could he restrain Africans who were?

Then there were the ethnic divisions. What would keep the largest group, the Kikuyu, feared by most whites and many Africans alike as aggressive and domi-

neering, from turning Kenya into a Kikuyu-run country? In their haste to hand over the country, the departing British had cobbled together a quasi-federal constitution that was to protect the rights of the smaller tribes. Could that withstand the powerful Kikuyu?

The fears were unwarranted. There was no wholesale expulsion of whites, no nationalization of local or foreign-owned industry, no settling of colonial scores. The Kenyatta government talked about "African socialism," but that turned out to be a rhetorical smoke screen couched in the politically fashionable jargon of the time. In fact, the new government was flamboyantly capitalist and, Washington and London gratefully acknowledged, "on our side."

In the early years after independence, and then beyond, most Western observers saw Kenya as a beacon of capitalist prosperity shining in the general African economic gloom. In so many other parts of the continent, no matter how one tried to blank them out or push them into the surreal, there were those heart-rending images of swollen-bellied kids with stick-thin limbs, their eyes too big for their faces, pleading for help. And then there was Kenya.

But, in 1978, Jomo Kenyatta—the *Mzee*, the patriarch, the leader to Independence—died. Then came an attempted coup in 1982, and, afterwards, according to organizations like Amnesty International, increased repression. Economic difficulties have parallelled the political decline.

So what went wrong? What happened to the sunny promise of the early Kenyatta years?

It never really existed. What is wrong now was wrong at the start. Colonialism had left the country with too little sense of a unified self, with untrained leaders who saw power as a means of putting their own interests first and only then those of their new country. It's the same sad pattern we have seen repeated again and again in Africa.

Kenya's initial prosperity—ironically a product of the government's decision not to immediately dismantle colonial structures—just made it harder to see.

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Jomo Kenyatta, the "Mzee," the patriarch, addresses a rally one week after Independence.

A wise man once said that history begins with geography. The origins of the independent state we now call Kenya lie in the geography of Europe, not Africa.

The consensus today seems to be that trade and, of course, prestige were at the heart of the late 19th-century European scramble to grab a piece of African land. In Britain's case this meant protecting her commercial interests in East and West Africa and, of critical importance, the route to the Far East, especially India.

Britain's interest in East Africa centered on "the pearl of Africa," an apparent cornucopia of riches in the country we know now as Uganda. There, it was said, one had only to drop a seed in the ground to see it sprout the next day and harvest it within the week. Exaggerations of course, but how appealing it was to the British government, faced with the mounting expenses of imperial competition, to acquire a territory that could not only pay for itself but keep France and Germany out of the very heart of Africa.

The only problem with this paradise was that it lay some 1,000 miles inland. To get there, one had to traverse first a tropical coastal belt, then warrior-filled plateaus and unknown highlands before descending to Lake Victoria and finally reaching the new Eden, the kingdom of Buganda from which modern Uganda takes its name. In other words, the British first saw the lands we call Kenya as a nuisance, territory to be crossed, not settled.

Imperialism meant extraction of resources, but how was one to do this in Buganda? The answer was pure 19th century: a railroad. And so, in 1896, the British started building a railway that finally puffed its way into Kusumu on Lake Victoria in 1901—the "Lunatic Line," its Parliamentary opponents called it, that led to nowhere but the impoverishment of the British Treasury. The next question now was, how to make it pay? The answer this time was to settle European farmers and ranchers, first along the rail line and then out away from it.

The typical Kenya settler was an upper-class Englishman (or Scot, or Welshman) who wasn't about to shovel dirt or herd cattle. Nor were his fellow immigrants,

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white South Africans who were used to a society where white ruled black with no questions asked. Who, then, was to do the work? And on what land?

The answers to both questions seemed to be so evident, so easy, as to be laughable. Whites took African land and, through a variety of coercive measures—taxation and sheer force being the most common—made Africans work for them.

By the end of World War I the economic and social patterns were established. Whites were at the top, browns (immigrants from the Indian subcontinent, most of whom became skilled laborers and small businessmen, without whom the internal trade of the colony would have died) in the middle, and blacks, split into some 45 ethnic groups, at the bottom.

African politics developed slowly in the 1920s and 30s, hampered by a lack of education and funds, by the condescension of administrators, and by the nearly unanimous opposition of the politically powerful settlers. For Africans, the principal issues have always been land and political representation: the return of the so-called "stolen lands" and a say in the running of their country. These demands intensified after World War II with the return of African soldiers, the increase in population, and the growing mechanization of European farms that forced laborers back to the "Reserves"—lands set aside to appease (and contain) specific tribes. This was particularly true among the largest tribe in Kenya, the Kikuyu.

In 1952-3, virtually excluded from the national decision-making process and from Kenya's export economy; above all, with less and less land for more and more people, the Kikuyu erupted in a rebellion that was partly a revolt against white rule and partly a civil war between landless youths and Kikuyu "loyalists"—otherwise known as "Mau Mau."

The explosive violence of "Mau Mau" awakened the British government to the fact that, despite what the settlers said, there was a serious imbalance in Kenya. Britain scrambled to make up for lost time, allowing Africans to have first district—then national—political parties. In January 1960 they agreed to grant Kenya independence under Jomo Kenyatta.

When the British finally lowered the Union Jack 25 years ago, Kenyatta and his political party, the Kenya Africa National Union, had to find answers to the same basic questions that faced the other ex-colonial powers as they too set off on their own. Simply put, the issue was self-sufficiency—economic and political.

Britain literally dumped independence into Kenya's lap, under terms that were as practical economically as they were politically. Before the transfer of power occurred, Her Majesty's Government and the incoming KANU government made a deal; in return for a continued (and unobtrusive) British military presence and for British grants and loans after independence, the new Kenya rulers would not change the economic system in any radical way.

This was not as generous on Kenyatta's part as it might sound. The late 1950s and early 1960s had seen the bourgeoisification of Kenya: the creation, expansion and quick entrenchment of a growing African middle class whose post-colonial interests lay not in change, but in continuity.

In contrast to what took place in other African countries after they were granted independence, there was no wholesale dismantling of the colonial economic structure in Kenya, no nationalization, no rapid dismissal of Europeans in senior civil service or business posts. Certainly it would have been a foolhardy multi-national or large local company that didn't include several Africans on its board, but if one looked a bit closer, the corporate decision-making process was much the same as in the late colonial days. The major decisions were made overseas in the case of the multi-nationals and by senior expatriates in large local companies. It was a system that profited the new generation of Africans going into business and, of course, politics, for ever since the first business day of Independence there have been no conflict-of-interest laws in Kenya. Looking back on the Kenyatta years, a writer for *The Economist* called the system that emerged so quickly "the politics of personal greed."

Personal greed is no stranger to the past or present American way of life, so we must mute our criticism of the Kenyatta years. The point to remember is that the system worked. The new nation prospered. Overseas capital flowed in, exports flowed out, per capita income rose, and development projects seemed to sprout everywhere. For not only Western capital but Western aid streamed into Kenya. Few things so refresh the American legislative eye as the sight of a Third World country that not only claims to be non-aligned, but is actually anti-communist. In this regard, Kenya was irresistible.

Despite Kenyatta's public claims of support for "African Socialism," Kenya was, in fact, flamboyantly capitalist. "African Socialism" in those years was an engagingly elastic term. To have announced that one favored capitalism in the immediate post-Independence era would have been to guarantee the scorn of one's newly-independent, ex-colonial brothers, and so everyone, from the most laissez-faire capitalist to the most doctrinaire Marxist, proclaimed their African Socialism.

What, in sum, is one to make of these Kenyatta years? One word—stability. Apart from a brief enlisted-men mutiny in one barracks (mainly over pay) early in 1964 and the short-lived emergence (and subsequent repression) of an opposition political party in 1966, there were no military coups, no political upheavals. Kenya seemed to be an island of stability and progress in an African sea roiled by revolutions, economic collapse, and civil wars. What was good for the new bourgeoisie and its ruler, Kenyatta, was obviously good for the country. The influx of capital meant new jobs, new jobs meant more money and more opportunity, which in turn meant a desire to maintain the status quo, which meant a general desire for political peace.

But there were also troubling signs of repression. Shortly after Independence, there was much talk among the remaining whites about the deportation of a British subject who, having had too much to drink, made fun of a photograph of Presi-

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dent Kenyatta in a bar and was told to leave the country within 24 hours. This was not just government-endorsed leader-worship at the hour of liberation. It became mandatory for a picture of Kenyatta to be seen in every commercial establishment.

Kenyatta detained the leader of the only opposition party to present a serious challenge and after that, jailed—or threatened to jail—any politician who became too vocally critical. Kenyatta's Kenya was an autocracy, an ultramontanist state, in which Kenyatta as Pope set the economic and political policy of his country. Putting it another way, during the Kenyatta years Kenya was not a one-party state, but a one-man state.

Apologists defend such repressive behavior in a newly independent state seeking to create and then maintain a national identity. Their argument is convincing if, like Kenyatta, the leader allows a certain amount of bargaining to go on and does not rule by fiat. It's been noted that it was Kenyatta's genius successfully to defuse tribal power blocks by establishing a system of negotiations between tribal interest groups in his Cabinet and in the various government departments. No one tribe got what it wanted all the time, but the major ones won sufficiently often for them to want to maintain the system, believing that if it were changed, an ethnic rival could dominate them.

Behind Kenya's splendid facade lay the legacy of colonialism.

It is too easy to disparage the post-colonial violence, mismanagement, corruption, and instability, the often irrationally authoritarian rule, as innately African, when, as Historian Michael Crowder has noted in an essay "Whose dream was it anyway?", the new leaders are often only following the example of their former mentors. Without being authoritarian, without violence (or the threat of it), the intruding Europeans could not have created or kept their colonies. In addition, the instructive "short, sharp shock" that colonial administrators spoke of approvingly had to be unexpected to work. Africans had seen the utility of force over the decades of colonial rule; it would be naive of us to expect them to forego it when they took control, or to use it as we would like them to.

What coherent political structure the departing colonial powers were able to leave behind was very unAfrican. As Crowder notes [with my additions]:

> European-style democracy worked only in societies where there was a chance for economic and social mobility, [*little of this in Africa*] a feeling of national identity [*too early for that*] and general agreement on the most successful type of government [*too soon to know this*].

And, one should add, European-style democracy worked where the government in power would tolerate a unified opposition. But the concept of a "loyal opposition," upon which the parliamentary system is based, was new to Africa. To give you just one example, the word for "opposition" in KiSwahili is *adui*—which means "enemy." It is no wonder, then, that the European parliamentary structure and procedures felt so uncomfortable and that so many African countries abandoned them.

Now, what about the post-Independence political corruption, you could ask; isn't that African, not European? Well, yes and no. Yes, in the sense that often untutored people were suddenly put in positions of power with keys to doors and safes that they could not get near before. Yes, in the sense that even the highest officials took bribes as a matter of course. You have only to look at Nigeria's yeasty corruption to find too many examples of that. But no, in that corruption in government is not an African monopoly; no, in that what foreigners view as corruption can often be the continuation of millenia-old traditions of tribute, of the showing of gratitude and respect to the more powerful. And no, in that the Europeans with whom the new African politicians dealt were only too willing to pass the cash under the table and, in fact, often initiated the process.

Most important, perhaps, were the social results of colonialism. We can see them most clearly in the emergence of elites—a continuation of the colonial class structure—and in the appearance of new privilege groups and what has become known as "tribalism."

It is important to remember the extent of African "non-Westernness" when the 19th-century colonial intruders arrived. Given the attitudes of the time—its prevailing social Darwinism—these intruding "red strangers" understandably saw their new wards as human clay to be shaped in their image; although they recognized that the process would take a long time. Catherine the Great's remark to the French encyclopedist Diderot comes to mind, "You write on paper. I write on human skin." By definition, the "fittest" who survived were an elite, a small group; only a few Africans could join the anointed.

To understand the elitist phenomenon one must realize that from the earliest days of the Europeans' penetration they created an African elite. The first "red strangers" were explorers, followed by traders. Both needed provisions and labor so both had to deal with the Africans they met at the coast and later as they plodded inland. Both needed interpreters and supervisors; the same men often filled both jobs.

The next whites with a need for local help were the administrators who needed subordinates to help them govern. Unlike neighboring Uganda, where there were kingdoms with hereditary rulers, almost allthe peoples the British met in Kenya were what anthropologists call *acephalous*, from the Greek meaning "headless." Instead of a king, councils of elders made the major decisions. In the absence of leaders, the British had to appoint them.

The new chiefs, sub-chiefs, and headmen the British chose were self-made men, usually more aggressive and quick-witted than their contemporaries. Once in power, the most able not only consolidated and enlarged their influence by creating clients and getting land, but made sure that their sons and male relatives took advantage of the benefits of the new order, especially the white man's education, which most of their tribesmen rejected. An ambitious African with some education, a nimble brain, and a pleasant manner could

flourish not only in the lower levels of the colonial administration but in the colony's active internal economy. British rule in Kenya produced a thin African elite stratum, mission-educated and prosperous.

It was, so to speak, an unconscious creation, a by-product of the system. Because World War II had drained Britain, there was a post-war emphasis on "development" (one of the most popular words in late 1940s Whitehall *haussprach*)—on making her colonies pay and, it was hoped, produce a surplus. It was only then that the British consciously began to create an African *administrative* elite that might replace them some distant day. And when—after the independence of India and then Burma and Ceylon in the late 1940s—it became clear that they would soon have to relinquish their African territories, the British speeded the training of Africans. Their aim was to maintain pre-independence ties, especially economic/commercial ones, and, it went without saying, *their* way of governing.

In short, the British in Kenya wanted to create a class with their attitudes and their values. Listen to J.M. Lee, the author of *Colonial Development and Good Government*:

> It was expected that local politicians and local civil servants could eventually arise to take over full responsibility, and therefore reconstitute the official classes. This process was often described as creating 'a political class' which meant . . . the creation of a native elite capable of running the machinery required to join the society of states in the international order.

The soon-to-be leaving British rulers were convinced that, as Lee put it, "power could only be transferred legitimately if it were given to an experienced ruling class." Like its *lycee*-trained counterpart in French-speaking Africa, the new British-schooled ruling class in Kenya absorbed the bourgeois values of the colonial class structure and was conditioned to maintain them. This colonial legacy is the source of much of the blatant materialism and corruption that mar Kenya today, and of Kenya's hierarchical leadership structure with the President, as we've seen, as a kind of King.

Looking into Africa

An important strategic ally to the U.S., in 1980 Kenya signed a formal agreement to allow the U.S. Navy use of Kenyan ports in case of a serious threat to Middle-East oil.

Americans also have emotional reasons for an interest in Kenya. The roots of millions of Americans wind back to East Africa. And Americans share with Kenya an English-colonial past; both countries had to fight to break away. Middlebury College, in fact, maintains close contact with Kenya; during the 1987-88 school year, eight students spent semesters there.

In Kenya's capital city, notes Nairobi resident Karmali Bhanji '91, skyscrapers crowd the sidewalks, and jewelry stores and restaurants offer luxuries that western tourists expect when they travel. If one looked no further, one might think Kenya had overcome the poverty that afflicts its East African neighbors.

But on the western fringe of Nairobi crouches a shanty-town that has been around so long there is regular bus service to it. "Mathare Valley" is a one-and-a-half square mile plot filled with lean-tos made of plastic or aluminum. Sewage runs in ditches; water is availiable only through bore holes drilled into city water pipes.

The settlements are populated by migrants moving from tribal lands in the country-side. Not that there is a lot of work in Nairbobi; unemployment runs at close to 30 percent. No one intends to stay in the settlement for long, and people do move out for better quarters—but the settlement grows bigger every day. Government bulldozers demolish the settlement every so often in futile efforts to limit its size.

"Nobody comes from Nairobi," notes Gaelan Benway, '90, who spent the last spring semester in Kenya. Migrants still identify themselves with their villages, where 80 percent of Kenyans live. As Benway explains, "They marry at home, they get buried at home, they go home to visit their families on the weekends." Even affluent Nairobians talk of going back to own a small plot of land near their roots.

Eighty-five percent of these villages do not have safe drinking water. Benway spent some time in the village of Kibwezi, where women (men do not carry water) walk for 40 minutes every day up a mountain to carry contaminated water back home. Before drinking, they either boil the water or add purifiers such as iodine.

The villagers depend upon agriculture—and therefore on the twice-yearly rains—to support themselves. Kenya has escaped the recent droughts that have plagued its neighbors, but the threat is ever-present. Even with rain, Kenyans go hungry; half the population does not get enough to eat. Unlike its African neighbors, however, Kenya gets by without food imports, and in fact chooses to export a little every year.

Maize, the staple food crop, competes with more exportable cash crops—tea and coffee—for land. But although tea and coffee are grown on small private plots, plantation agriculture dominates with its efficiency. Most of the coffee is grown in large plantations, many of which are owned by British companies; tea is grown mainly on British-owned plantations.

Even in its relative prosperity, Kenya is sitting on a time bomb. Its population is growing faster than any in the world—increasing almost four percent per year. The present population of 20 million will double in less than 20 years.

International and local agencies work against against tribal traditions and prejudices. Children are a sign of virility, and men favor a large family as proof of their manhood, often refusing to let women use birth control. "Many tribes still believe that children are wealth," says Bhanji. Even government officials who preach the necessity of "family planning," notes Professor of History John Spencer, are seen with families of eight or nine.

Kenya is the most industrialized country in East Africa, but only because its neighbors are so underdeveloped. And since the movie *Out of Africa*, American tourists have been flocking to Kenya's wildlife preserves. Ranging over 15 percent of the country's area, these wildlife parks provide more than half of Kenya's international trade.

But that success has brought problems. The parks now are threatened by poaching, farmers seeking new lands, and overcrowding by tourists. "I would even tell you now to go to Tanzania, if you want to see animals," says Spencer. "They [Kenyans] are building all these lodges and just destroying their parks." If the destruction continues, Spencer notes, Kenya could be left with only coffee and tea exports to bring in hard currency for trading on the international economy.—*Tat Sang So '91*

Moi's Kenya

is a step away from being a police state. Yet his drawing of the military into politics may be Moi's undoing.

If one "social" result of colonialism is the presence of an African elite, a second "social" colonial inheritance worth noting here is what academics call "ethnicity," what the man in the Kenyan street knows as "tribalism." Like elitism, tribalism has its origins in the first days of European rule. Since the boundaries of the African colonies were drawn in Europe, based upon European urgencies, the result was a muddled grouping into territories of tribes that centuries-old differences of blood, of customs, of language, of religion—in some cases, like Northern Nigeria, of all four—had often curdled into bitter hatreds.

In effect the colonial powers created the tribalism we see today—for example, by favoring one or more groups over others, often because they were the closest at hand, like the Kikuyu in Kenya; or because, given the small number of white administrators, "divide and rule," playing one tribe off of another, made practical sense. In addition, the European presence created areas of competition that hadn't existed before; not only new economic ones, but new social ones. In towns and cities, for instance, one maintained one's identity—and often one's health—by moving into the tribal enclaves. In the absence of any social security system, these tribal precincts reinforced ethnicity not only by their very existence but by making the town inhabitants keep up their rural, that is tribal, ties so that they would have a place to go when they retired.

Then too, the Europeans consciously (and perhaps unconsciously) intensified ethnic differentiation by their often-condescending stereotyping that emphasized tribal differences. The Kalenjin and Kamba were supposed to be more "warlike" and therefore the best policemen and soldiers; the Kikuyu were devious but diligent ("the Jews of East Africa" was a common settler phrase)—and so on.

It is easy to load all the blame for tribalism on the shoulders of the British, rather like blaming the dead for all the sins of their time. And it is easy to criticize African leaders for the flowering of political tribalism. But again, in Kenya especially, a good part of the fault does lie with the British for building tribalism into the administrative system, and then, as a natural corollary into the political structure, by the post-"Mau Mau" system of district political parties. When nation-wide parties were permitted three years later, they became tribal clusters. For all its emphasis on modernization, British colonialism preserved the old, pre-colonial ethnic divisions.

When Kenyatta died in 1978, his successor, Daniel arap Moi, vowed to continue in Kenyatta's *nyayo* (Swahili for "footsteps"). A product of his predecessor's ethnically balanced cabinet, Moi was a member of the small Tugen tribe and, in his pre-political years, a teacher. Moi's selection as a compromise choice for president seemed safe.

If his reign seemed to lack the boisterous corruption of the Kenyatta years, it was soon clear that if Kikuyu had profited during the Kenyatta days, it was now the turn of Moi's tribespeople. Moi put members of his ethnic group in top positions, thereby dismantling the network of inter-tribal relationships and the inter-tribal links between the center and the periphery that Kenyatta had so carefully constructed.

But Moi is no Kenyatta and the opposition that Kenyatta's muscle and prestige suppressed burst out in August, 1982, in an attempted coup led by young Air Force officers and enlisted men. Moi survived, but was shaken.

The failed coup of August, 1982, changed the path of the "footstep" policy. Its suppression marked the military's first significant entry into Post-Independence Kenya politics—and its first taste of power. During the past six years, the military has watched from the wings as Moi centralized power in the President's office, brought the only legal party docilely to heel, muzzled protest (especially among university students), eliminated the secret ballot from primary elections, and most recently, got his puppet parliament to amend the constitution to allow the President to hire and fire the members of the formerly independent judiciary.

Twenty-five years after Independence, Kenya remains dependent upon exports like coffee from this plantation (right).

The result has been an increasing heavy-handedness on Moi's part and an ever-growing paranoia in his administration that its quashing of dissent intensifies. A Kenyan friend who came to the U.S. to lecture two years ago was arrested as he got off the plane in Nairobi ten days later, merely for telling a colleague that he wasn't sure where Kenya was heading. Talking to friends at the University of Nairobi when I was in Kenya last January, I noticed that they were constantly looking around to see who could be watching—even in the privacy of an office.

Moi's Kenya is just a step away from being a police state.

Yet his drawing of the military into politics may be Moi's undoing. One of Britain's colonial legacies was an apolitical military establishment, like that in the U.S. But calling in the military to put down the attempted coup in 1982, Moi made himself a hostage. His barrel-chested figure dominates the news, but he must know that, having saved him, the military can now topple him.

What lies ahead for Kenya? In the short term it is safe to say that President Moi will guard and probably increase his control over the various arms of government. This will lead to greater resentment, especially among the Kikuyu. The more the political compression continues, the greater the chances of some kind of violent recoil, especially if, as appears likely, Kenya's economic condition worsens. A well placed bomb or bullet could be the start of a rapid change of government with, as we have seen so many times before in Africa, the military taking charge. Whatever the catalyst, significant political change will come sooner than the present government thinks.

HE'S ONLY SIX

But he's got it bad for the Red Sox.

By Karl Lindholm '67

My son is obsessed with the Red Sox. He's six. People are blaming me.

I swear it's not my fault. True, I have had a Red Sox problem for over thirty years, but if he got it from me, it's genetic. Mine was a modern marriage—it didn't work. David lives outside of Boston now with his mother and stepfather, hardly baseball fans, and stays with me in the summers. Maybe it's in the water.

I live here in Vermont and keep my baseball absorption under control. I do listen to Red Sox games every night on the radio in the summer, but I don't subscribe to New England Sports Network or *The Sporting News*. I go to only one Red Sox game a year, with my father, naturally, and have yet to see a Red Sox game with David. I sold my baseball cards years ago.

David's passion came out of nowhere. Last summer, all of a sudden, he talked about nothing else. He knew all the players' names and had his favorites already: Wade Boggs, "Dewey" Evans, Ellis Burks. He distinguished between fired manager John McNamara and replacement Joe Morgan, and felt bad when McNamara lost his job. Baseball cards everywhere. He just showed up this way last July.

I explained to him that the Red Sox have been known to break our hearts. I told him why I have pictures of Bill Buckner and Bob Stanley in my office: good players over a long time, unfairly known for a single mistake (like Conrad's Lord Jim, I'll tell him later). I told him the story of how the dad of his friend Sam got his little boy up at 1:00 a.m. two years ago, so he could watch the Red Sox win their first World Series in nearly 70 years, and how Sam, half-awake, had to watch the ensuing disaster.

When the Red Sox were hot last summer, winning 19 of 20, I told him not to be so ecstatic. I introduced him to the New England Puritan mind which sees inevitable disappointment as the child of joyful expectancy. I told him that in baseball, the everyday game, it's important not to get too high when your team wins, or too low when they lose. I said the baseball season is a marathon, not a sprint. He said, "What's a marathon? What's a sprint?"

He's just a little kid. Everything's a sprint.

When the Red Sox subsequently slumped, I was depressed. He wasn't. "They're still in second place," he said at the time, trying to cheer me up. I declined to explain that in professional sports these days, there's *only* first place. When the Red Sox win, he gets high; when they lose, he's okay. When the Sox win, I don't get too high; when they lose, I get low. His way is better. But he's new to the game... and the Red Sox.

I also tried to provide David with a sense of Red Sox history. While he and I haven't been to any Red Sox games at Fenway, we have gone to minor league games in Burlington, and in Maine on vacation there. At the game between the Maine Phillies and the Columbus Clippers, I explained to David why the fellow coaching third for the Clippers was named Bucky "Bleeping" Dent, and how his cheap home run, a fly ball that nestled into the screen atop the Green Monster in left, dashed our hopes in '78.

This winter, David found among my old records a Ned Martin and Jim Woods account of the '75 World Series season. He plays it all the time, and now he also celebrates "Louie" and "Yaz." He asked me if any of those guys were still alive, and I pointed out that Jim Rice and Dwight Evans were still with the Sox. They now reside with gods: "They played before I was even born!"

David loves the lingo of the game and has it down. Last summer, I realized again, through David, how important language is to baseball, all the talking, the chatter: If I said, "David, it's the seventh inning," he responded gleefully, "Stretch-time at Fenway!" One night, he asked me what "around the horn" meant. I explained that it was when the infielders threw the ball to one another after an out with the bases empty. I chose not to pursue the metaphor more deeply—sailors going around Cape Horn on mercantile adventures years ago.

No, not yet. He's only six.

I like too his intellectual approach to the game. From the one game he has seen at Fenway with his stepfather, he remembers most vividly an infielder's error and an intentional walk. I think the error allowed an identification with his own error-prone existence: "the ball went right through his legs!" he exclaimed with wonderment. The intentional walk mystified him: "they walked him *on purpose*!"

Listening to another game last summer, he was confused by a reference to a "triple play." I explained and used the example of the easiest triple play: runners on first and

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second, ground ball to third, third baseman tags third, fires to second for the force and the relay to first. A couple of days later, David fashioned what he called a "quatro play": bases loaded, grounder to third—throw home, then around the horn, a force at all the bases. Four outs. "But you only need three outs, David," I explained. "Save one for the next inning," he reasoned.

I was worried enough about his attachment that we had a solemn little conversation at the end of the summer. "David, I'm glad you like baseball and the Red Sox," I said. "I do too. But you know, don't you, that I will love you just as much if you don't like baseball?"

"Cut it out, Dad," he said.

Now, as the endless New England winter comes to an end, and the Red Sox break camp and head north, David and I experience through baseball the change of the seasons. He's only six, so he can avoid the discord of player defections and contract acrimony. Wade Boggs is simply, and only, the game's best hitter; David doesn't ask me to explain "palimony" or "adultery." On the weekends he has visited Vermont, we have rushed spring with muddy backyard games of catch and some early wiffle-ball BP.

We can't wait for Opening Day. We bide time with baseball cards. In one packet, David got three Red Sox, "My first Jody Reed ever." He asks how I think the Sox will do. I tell him, "pretty well, if they play together as a team," a thought baffling to him. He is sure they will go "all the way." I only know that we will wrap ourselves up in the fortunes of the Red Sox this summer, win or lose.

So, I have come to accept David's fate as a Red Sox baseball fan. I am resigned to it and will make the best of it. We will go to games and play catch and talk baseball. I will endure again this summer the condescending "like father/like son" comments.

We will also continue the nightly ritual we began near the end of last summer. I will allow him to listen to Red Sox games softly at night in bed, just as his father did years ago. When I go to bed, I will turn the radio off in his room—and for a moment I will watch him sleep.

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Taking measure of women's work

"She shakes people up," says a colleague. Sociology Professor Margaret Nelson raises questions people don't like to answer.

By Leslie Virostek '88

A small and unimposing figure before her "Sociology of Education" class, Professor Margaret Nelson has a peripatetic teaching style. Sometimes she perches on the edge of the desk; sometimes she hangs over the lectern; sometimes she walks around the desk to get closer to her audience. She gestures energetically with her hands while she speaks.

But it's her voice that commands the attention of the students. Alternately soft and then emphatic, she turns many of her sentences into questions, making students feel that they aren't being lectured to—rather, that they're being asked to consider. Her eyes constantly scan the room, probing the faces in front of her.

Over the course of the semester she has presented hard-hitting statistics that point to disturbing problems in the American educational system. She's posed tough questions to the class—tough, because

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they undermine not only what students believe about society but also what they believe about themselves.

"What is the purpose of education?" she has asked the students numerous times, slowly building a case for various opposing views of the American educational system. Some views argue idealistically that it's a system for constructive social engineering, making sure that everyone has a chance to get ahead in the world. But others argue that it's a way of preparing people unequally so that they'll be prepared for different—and unequal—stations in life.

"Do poor children get a different education from wealthy children in the same classroom?" She has presented evidence to suggest that the American education system serves some groups better than others. While the distribution of education has moved toward greater equality, she notes, the distribution of income in the U.S. has not.

She has presented theories, and then critiques of those theories. Most important, she has suggested, are the explanations and rationalizations used to support a particular view or theory; a close look at those rationalizations often reveals the biases and special interests of the people who support the theory.

But in today's class, Nelson tells students about a different study, and her tone of voice indicates that the class is in for some comic relief. "Does anybody know what a spurious correlation is?" she asks. She writes the word "spurious" on the chalkboard.

"Well, some people did a study," she says, sketching the vertical and horizontal axes of a rough graph next to her word, "in which they found that the more fire engines there were at a fire, the more damage was done at the site of the blaze." She draws a direct diagonal line from the bottom left corner of the grid to the top right corner, and pauses to let the idea sink in.

"Now," she says, making a general appeal to the class, "does that mean that the fire engines are causing the damage?"

From among the grinning and giggling students, a volunteer raises his hand. Nelson calls on him by name. She has a knack for names, and usually knows all of her students after only a few sessions.

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"Well, the bigger the fire the more fire trucks there are, and," the volunteer pauses carefully, "if there's a big fire there's also more damage."

Other students nod in agreement. It's the size of the fire that is behind both events. Just because two details are presented as going hand-in-hand does not prove a particular relationship.

"Beware of spurious correlations," Nelson urges with mock severity. "Never assume a causal relationship if you haven't examined the other factors involved."

Nelson tells the fire engine story to almost all of her classes, and the lesson is one that she seeks to demonstrate every day, usually in more serious contexts: Conclusions are suspect. Question the "answers."

Margaret "Peggy" Nelson has taught in Middlebury's sociology/anthropology department for 14 years. In front of her classes, she is perpetually balancing pros and cons, measuring the distance between extremes. She is both professional and down-to-earth accessible, both softspoken and unafraid to raise her voice to express her concerns. A committed jogger, who runs or walks three miles nearly every day, an advocate who champions the causes of junior untenured faculty, a former member of the local elementary school's board of education, Nelson challenges her students as well as her colleagues to look at old problems from new perspectives.

"If I am a capitalist idealist," she'll say in her social theory class, "how do I explain social change?" The next day she'll begin discussion with, "If we are Marxist materialists, what do we think about?"

In the classroom, Nelson treats theories as if they are composed of building blocks, as she carefully and logically reconstructs new schools of thought before her students. Then, however, Nelson takes on the role of the merciless building inspector. Every chink in the foundation, every stumbling block, every weakness in material or ambiguity of form is ferreted out.

While some perspectives seem to be completely demolished and reduced to rubble, others retain salvable parts. But no ideology is immune to Nelson's scathing scrutiny; students often express frustration at the fact that there are no simple answers at the back of the book, and no easy solutions provided at the end of the course.

"I tell them they have to come up with answers," Nelson states with a shrug. "I tell them they have to construct a view of the world. I hope I'm giving them the tools with which to evaluate a variety of different perspectives." She shrugs again and says with a laugh, "If there were a perfect theory, people wouldn't still be struggling with it."

Sociology/Anthropology Department Chair Rudolf Haerle, who has been Nelson's colleague throughout her career at Middlebury, speaks with great respect for Nelson's "intensity" and "competitiveness." "She shakes people up," Haerle says. "Most of us live in a taken-for-granted world, and we don't think of these things. Peggy is constantly pushing us."

For much of her tenure at Middlebury, Nelson has been pushing her colleagues to help develop and support a full-fledged program in "women's studies." Often characterized as an "interdisciplinary" field, women's studies attempts to inject questions about the role of women into various academic discussions—from history, to literature, to science. The American academic world reflects the biases of traditional American society, Nelson says matter-of-factly, in which men have held political and economic power; traditional academic disciplines continue to carry on an almost exclusively "male" perspective, focusing upon issues of interests and concern for men.

Women's studies as a field has gained wide acceptance in the academic community. "This is a field of scholarship that has a unified approach," says Nelson. "It has begun to generate new knowledge. It keeps central the concept of gender, and in doing so it brings into question the assumptions and findings of traditional disciplines. The new knowledge is challenging traditional knowledge.

"I'm not a historian, but if you think about traditional history, you don't get much about women's experience," she continues. "But you don't just add knowledge, you reorient your thinking about how you should study history." If you revalue the experience of women in history, you change views about which historical periods are the most important. Another simple example: A women's studies course in literature would focus on women authors—or examine women characters as portrayed by male authors.

Nelson was the first person at Middlebury to teach courses in women's studies, with a course on "The Sociology of Women" in 1975. Other senior women professors—like Spanish Professor Alicia Andreu and French Professor Carol

Rifelj—have taught women's studies courses over the years; but Nelson has taught at least one women's studies course every year.

The past few years have brought an influx of new women faculty members—and they've helped the existing program expand. More courses are being offered, in American literature, English, music, and geography. The women's studies group counts among its successes the Women's Culture Series, now in its fourth year, which has featured a regular schedule of academic lectures and presentations by female artists and writers. They've held special workshops that address problems for women on campus—like date rape. During winter term 1988, 15 faculty members participated in a faculty seminar on women's studies, a course to train faculty members to teach women's issues in their classes.

And now that group has developed a proposal for a women's studies major. The major would require that students acquire necessary background in theory and methodology, do advanced work in at least two different divisions (social sciences, sciences, humanities, or languages), and complete a senior thesis or essay. "We are not here proposing radical curricular change," the document reads, "but, instead, proposing that the college commit itself to developing fully its already considerable resources in the field."

A frequent question regarding women's studies—and one which Nelson heartily resents—is: "How many men take your women's studies courses?" She reports that those classes are typically ten percent male—but that the number of men is no measure of the legitimacy of the courses. The implication of the question, Nelson notes, is that women should be evaluated by men's actions toward them, rather than that men should be evaluated by their actions toward women.

"I spent my youth reading male novelists," Nelson shrugs, her blue eyes twinkling, "and I've spent my adulthood reading women novelists."

As an undergraduate at Swarthmore College, where a major in sociology was not offered, Nelson majored in English. She loved and still loves to read. She had looked into psychology and history, but wasn't entirely satisfied with those disciplines. She observes, "I think that there were a number of questions that I had and concerns that I developed as an undergraduate that I thought could be answered by sociology." Driven to understand social forces and social causes of behavior, Nelson went on to graduate work in sociology at Yale and then at Columbia, where she earned her Ph.D.

Although she was determined to have an academic career, Nelson wanted also to have a family; she didn't arrest her studies in order to have children. Her first son was born during her third year of graduate school, and her second son two years after that. "They were both graduate school babies," she explains, adding, "I got my second son and a grant to do my dissertation on the same day." She laughs and agrees that, "it was very convenient."

Nelson is protective of her personal life; she's not the kind of professor who regularly invites students to her home. Although she's obviously very proud of her sons, one a high school junior, and the other a college freshman, she doesn't divulge much information about them. She says, "I feel that I've made a pretty sharp distinction between my private life and my public life. It's to respect the privacy of my family that I haven't invited students over to my house." She adds, "My family is very important to me. They sustain me."

When she arrived at Middlebury in 1975, Nelson was one of only two women faculty members trying to manage the two careers of mother and academic. She got support from her husband, William, an appellate defender for the state of Vermont. But, in general, she says, she didn't get much sympathy from her male colleagues. "I don't think it's substantively easier for the women who are doing it right now—women who are faculty members with young children," states Nelson. "But I think there's a support network for them that wasn't here for me."

She's tried to be part of that support network; she finds that it's somewhat easier to fight for causes that don't apply to her personally anymore. As a member of the faculty council (the faculty's major committee for raising concerns with the College administration and trustees), Nelson helped set in motion a process that led to President Olin Robison's appointment of a College child care committee, on which Nelson now serves. The committee's report is due out this spring, and it is expected to ask that the College make new efforts to help employees with child care needs, by developing a broad strategy that supports various child care options.

Younger colleagues recognize Nelson's importance. Assistant Professor of American Literature Joanne Jacobson says that Nelson "made it safe for a lot of those women. By the time they came here, [Nelson] was tenured. And sometimes she took risks that they couldn't take. But she also demonstrated through her example that it was possible to speak out and survive."

The newcomers have, in turn, taken some of the pressure off Nelson—and helped to expand the women's studies program, making the proposal for a major possible. There is now, notes Jacobson, "a critical mass of committed and experienced people."

While Nelson has welcomed the support for women's issues among her colleagues, the transition from a not-quite one-woman show to a cooperative group has not been altogether smooth. Some of her colleagues suggest that Nelson may sometimes feel that her knowledge and experience have not always been properly acknowledged. Others have felt she still tries to run the show a bit too much.

At key moments, however, it's clear that Nelson remains the senior player. When the time came to introduce the proposal for a women's studies major on the floor of the opening faculty meeting this fall, Nelson got the nod.

That meeting was the same meeting in which Philosophy Professor Victor Nuovo proposed a faculty vote to recommend the closing of the College's fraternity system; a large part of his argument was that the system supports sexist and unequal treatment of women.

That's an opinion that Nelson basically shares. But she is concerned that connecting the current discussion of fraternities with general discussion of the role of women on campus has complicated—even derailed—some discussions of larger women's issues. "Fraternities are a source of difficulty for women on this campus—but I don't think they are the only source," says Nelson. "The focus on fraternity issues has made all women's issues highly charged. People—especially students—don't seem to be able to disentangle them." In a recent class, she says, "I raised the issue of sexism and bias in a discussion of writers on social evolutionary theory. The students almost immediately said, 'We're tired of that issue. Why are you bringing up the fraternities?' I said, 'What issue? I never mentioned fraternities.'"

As Nelson sees it, the College is going through a critical time as an institution. A number of important discussions have begun on campus: discussion of issues relating to the recruitment and retention of minority students and faculty members;

discussions of women's issues; new discussions of the College's curriculum and mission; the creation of a new staff council for College employees. Nelson says: "The way this institution experiences itself as a community—staff, faculty, and students—is changing."

She continues: "I give the College administration a lot of credit for opening up discussions on a number of important issues. They've said: We'll at least listen to these issues."

But what happens next is as important: The institution has said, "Go out and gather information." But then the question is: Will the institution "do something constructive with the knowledge made available?"

In her assessment of the situation of women on campus, she readily acknowledges that progress has been made. The faculty now includes 37 women in tenure track positions (out of 153 tenurable positions, total). Many people feel that more could have been done, perhaps, but the College has provided support for the development of the women's studies program up to this point. However, Nelson says, there are still many ways in which women—both students and faculty members—"are made to feel like they are not full-fledged members of the community."

Nelson believes that faculty and students at Middlebury aren't dealing with any new problems. Broadly speaking, she says, "There has always been a problem with respect to difference here. It's hard to be different at Middlebury College."

Yes, I am a feminist," Nelson answers the question. What does that word mean, as she defines it? "I believe in the goal of equality between men and women. I make that goal central in my life."

But she recognizes, she says, that pursuing that goal includes giving recognition to some aspects of women's experience that have been designated by American society as the special responsibility of women. Often those experiences have been undervalued.

The whole world of responsibilities and roles that our society has designated as "women's work" has been understudied, for example. She's not entirely happy with the designation, of course. But, for instance, she notes, "We need to study more seriously the experience of mothering." Similarly, all the so-called "caring" professions—including nursing, child care, care of the elderly—need more study. In sociology, those studies raise important issues of policy: "We try to think about the ways in which social policies impede the process of good care giving. It's a fact that women do most of the care giving in our society. How are we going to strengethen the care giving occupations—both for the recipient and the provider?"

The caring professions have been the subject of much of Nelson's research and writing. She's published articles on child birth and midwifery, family child care, and teaching and education.

Much of her recent work has focused on family child care, which has increased considerably since the massive entry of women into the workforce, beginning, really, in the early 1970s. Although more and more women are working outside of the home, those who provide home-based child care are primarily women. These providers characteristically need to complement the earnings of their husbands, but they find wage work unacceptable for practical reasons and for ideological and personal reasons. They might have small children of their own and can't get adequate day care, for example; or they perhaps believe they ought to remain at home to be traditional mothers.

Some women can't get jobs whose wages cover the cost of day care. At the same time, day care providers, whose work in the home is undervalued to begin with, must charge low rates in order to attract customers. Hence, women on both sides are in an economic bind. Nelson argues that the dynamics which make home-based family day care a success rely on the low status of women in wage labor and the unpaid labor of women in the home. These women subsidize the better-paid people who use their services.

Nelson is writing a book on the subject, *Negotiated Care: Experiences of Family Day Care Providers*, under contract from Temple University Press (tentavely due out in spring 1990). The book will collect and analyze several years of Nelson's field work, in which she collected 345 questionnaires filled out by family child care providers, along with interviews of the providers, spouses of the provider, and parents of children in the provider's care. Her work looks at the relationships between parents and the providers they hire, the relationships between providers and the children in their care, the conflicts between providers and their families that are caused by the provider's job, and critical issues of professionalism and regulation.

Also in the works is *Circles of Care*

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(SUNY Press), an anthology that Nelson and her sister, Emily K. Abel, who is a UCLA researcher, are co-editing; it contains essays and studies that deal with similar issues, but includes other forms of care, such as that of the elderly and the handicapped. Nelson says that day care is an essential activity in our society; yet few have looked at caring from the perspective of the provider.

"Most of the books written about child care are narrowly conceived," says Nelson, "and I think there's room for an investigation of child care policies, how current policies differentiate among people in terms of race, class, and in terms of access to different kinds of child care."

Dressed more casually for her office hours than for her classes, sporting corduroys, a comfortable sweater, and running sneakers, Peggy Nelson sits with her chair turned away from her paper-piled desk. She thoughtfully toys with a rubber band, stretching it taut with splayed fingers, twisting it, and then easing the tension, while she talks about tension in the classroom—the kind of tension that comes from tackling controversial subjects.

Medical sociology, for example, is the most difficult for Nelson to teach—because, she explains, it is "a course that people take because they think it will assist them and confirm what they believe—and instead it challenges preconceptions." Pre-med students don't expect to hear, for example, how the medical profession—with, for the most part, white, male doctors in control at the top—reproduces our society's hierarchies. Or they've never heard the medical profession characterized as a capitalist industry distributing healthcare as a commodity.

The result is that some students focus on Nelson rather than on the material. You might hear one student say, "Ms. Nelson? Oh, she's really biased against the medical profession." Another might accuse Nelson of being an intimidating "outspoken feminist type" who vindictively fishes for the smallest, most subtle instances of discrimination against women. "If you expose [students] to material that really does run counter to what they believe in, and you point out the underlying assumptions of certain kinds of things," Nelson says, "that's a response you're going to get."

Nelson has been teaching this way a long time—and the objections of male students aren't necessarily the most difficult to handle. Assistant Professor of American Literature and Civilization Brett Millier calls Nelson's past and present commitment to teaching women's studies courses "a courageous undertaking." Making female students aware of discrimination means being the bearer of bad news. It's often a rude awakening for some students. "There's a lot of denial on the part of students," states Millier. "They say, 'Nobody has discriminated against me,' or 'I've been able to do whatever I want,' or 'I go to fraternities all the time and nothing bad ever happens to me.' And she [Nelson] just has to keep hammering the point home, saying in effect, 'You haven't developed enough of a sense—enough of an eye or ear—for that kind of discrimination to know it yet.'"

But there's also the view of students like Amy Peck '77, who got special help from Nelson in preparing her application for a Watson Fellowship that sent her to study women's issues in Sweden and England: "You go to college to get your eyes opened, and that's what that course [with Nelson] did for me."

Nelson regularly gives a "speech" on the first day of many of her courses, in which she warns students that some of the material they discuss will be very disturbing and might make them angry. "I don't think anger is a bad context for learning," she says, provided that the students can articulate what is making them angry. She goes on to say that she hopes the students are able to differentiate between the content of the lesson and the person who is teaching.

It's very "draining" to provoke such strong feelings in students and then to have to deal with those feelings, she admits: "I don't always have it in me." Nelson also talks about having to overcome "the sheer weight of resistance" to such emotionally-laden words as Marxism and feminism. She doesn't expect students to agree with everything they read—or with everything she teaches, which does sometimes carry her own particular slant. "I do believe that teaching is a political act," she says. "I don't believe in value-free knowledge. I think it's impossible to teach without conveying certain kinds of values."

Nelson sighs, for once sounding less than energetic, "It's very hard to teach controversial things." But there are rewards. "I get really gratified when people come and say, 'The stuff you're teaching—I carry it around with me. I think about it. It has an impact on my life.'"

David Graham '89, who took Nelson's introductory women's studies course, says simply: "I think everybody should take it." Graham admires Nelson's diplomacy in the face of emotionally charged subjects. Nelson occasionally stops her lectures, he notes, to reassure the men in the room that she is not criticizing them personally.

"Students respect [Nelson] because she's always on top of the material," remarks Sharon Corey '88. The controversial nature of the subject matter, as well as the compelling way which Nelson discusses it, she smiles, makes for very "attentive" students. According to Corey, who took four courses with Nelson, hardly anybody ever cuts class.

"I guess there's often a perception that what I do in my classes is in some way unusual," Nelson concedes. "And I guess I would say that what I do in my classes is challenge conventional ways of thinking about things and mindsets with which students have grown up, and try to get them to see the world with a new vision. But that's what education is about."

The purpose of education is "to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions." Whether it's a course in social theory or in English literature, or in economics, Nelson asserts, "If it's not provoking people to think differently about the world, then it's not doing its job."

Just doing her job in a discussion section of her course "Introduction to Women in Social Thought," Nelson is presenting some of the pros and cons of "liberal feminist theory." Though she credits liberal feminism with getting women out of the house and into traditionally male professions such as law and medicine, she also points out some fundamental problems that arise when feminists align themselves with traditional "liberal" causes.

Liberalism and feminism clash, for example, on the issue of pornography. Is the issue of free speech more important than condoning degrading portrayals of women? The discussion is riveting as students grapple with the question.

The subject of the Equal Rights Amendment comes up, and one student offers a personal anecdote.

"When I was really little I remember a woman came to the door campaigning for the E.R.A., and my mother practically slammed the door in her face. And I remember asking my mother, 'Why did you do that? Don't you want to be equal to Dad?'" The student laughs, and then continues thoughtfully, "And she said, 'Someday you'll learn.'"

Nelson smiles. "Are you learning?"

Some Lessons

Students no longer seem to understand the power of symbols. And a teacher of literature takes that personally. By Brett Millier.

Erik Borg

Last spring I attended the open meeting of the Middlebury College Community Council as it heard testimony regarding the so-called "D.U. Incident"—the hanging of the fake-bloodied and graffiti-smeared torso of a female mannequin outside the Delta Upsilon fraternity during a weekend party. That hearing began for me a process of understanding that hasn't yet ended.

I had heard about the mannequin as I was literally on my way out the door to give a lecture in Brattleboro. So I was first alone with this information for 24 hours, before I returned to the firestorm of anger at the college. I took the incident very personally, indeed. I cried a few hot tears, whose origin I still can't quite trace, then I began to fit this new piece of evidence into my brief (then two-year) experience of Middlebury.

After four days of intense talking with students whose outrage I shared, I was ready for the hearing, even ready to speak. Instead I listened—and was struck by how deeply and yet how unconsciously connected the social lives of my students are with what they learn in the classroom.

At the hearing, two women, both senior English majors, found the courage to stand and address the four members of the fraternity directly, nervously but so articulately it hurt to hear them. "I have been afraid of you since my freshman year," said one. "Why does the social space on this campus almost all belong to men?" said the other. And two of the fraternity members, both of whom I had had in class, spoke urgently of their innocence by way of ignorance; it had not occurred to them that a mannequin hung by its neck outside their house might be construed as a symbol, and they professed surprise at what observers felt that it symbolized. Another member, the painter of the graffiti on the mannequin, testified that it had not occurred to him that the two words written there, "random" and "hole," might be taken together as a sexual slur.

This radical failure of interpretation touches me, a teacher of literature, deeply. Middlebury is considered a plum of a job in my field; it is a place where nearly 30 percent of the student body majors in English, American Literature, or the foreign languages, where being a poet or a fiction writer or an essayist is considered an honorable and useful pursuit. I have always considered that a professor of literature began by teaching the ways in which writers convey meaning—the mechanics of metaphor and simile, metonomy and symbolism—as a way of getting to the meaning itself, which is almost always a moral message about what it means to be human. In good writing, the message is urgent and, to me, imperative. The teaching of that message may lead one almost anywhere. The poet William Meredith helps me here:

> As a poet who teaches modern poetry and the writing of poetry in a college, I sometimes feel that I tamper in the fields of the chaplain and the college psychiatrist. As I teach and age, and consider the role of poetry in my own life, it comes over me more and more forcefully that poetry is the source of most of my knowledge. I don't mean that I have learned what I know from poetry—that sounds a little bookish and a lot better read than I am—but that I have discovered what I know, recognize it as knowledge, in poetry. Poetry musters this kind of attention to experience.

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What struck me listening to those students claim their ignorance is that they had missed what I thought was the point in all my classes—that this stuff, this symbolism, this metaphor-making, really matters; that the reason we call literature great is that it tells us something that, as thinking people, we can't live well without. It's not that our great literature teaches us how to behave, but how to live. It helps us to recognize when we have failed as human beings, and when we have triumphed.

This is why we're compelled when Huckleberry Finn, painfully convinced that in helping Jim escape from slavery he is committing an ultimate sin, wrestles with his false conscience. Knowing that he's "got to decide forever betwixt two things," he decides to help Jim anyway: "All right then, I'll go to hell." It is why otherwise restrained lecturers fight back tears when they discuss the painful self-realizations of Edith Wharton's Lily Bart in *The House of Mirth*, when Lily's ambivalence about the values of her extreme upper-class New York society costs her the opportunity to marry and ultimately drives her to take her own life. On the night of her death, she realizes that all of the vain goals and values of her existence had led her away from "any real relation to life":

> Her parents too had been rootless, blown hither and thither on every wind of fashion, without any personal existence to shelter them from its shifting gusts. She herself had grown up without any one spot of earth being dearer to her than another: there was no centre of early pieties, of grave endearing traditions, to which her heart could revert and from which it could draw strength for itself and tenderness for others. . . .
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> Such a vision of the solidarity of life had never before come to Lily. She had had a premonition of it in the blind motions of her mating-instinct; but they had been checked by the disintegrating influences of the life about her.

As a professional reader, much of what I know is literature, of course; but I am taken by Meredith's distinction between a body of knowledge and a way of knowing or recognizing knowledge—and of recognizing and distinguishing moral questions—that comes from paying attention to writers as they study human nature. Few writers have so acutely judged, or been so pessimistic about, human nature as was Mark Twain. His work is filled with the likes of hanging effigies; that moment in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is a rare suggestion of salvation. And few have been so convinced of the savagery of social pretension as was Edith Wharton. As she commented in a later essay about the society world depicted in *The House of Mirth*:

> In what aspect could a society of irresponsible pleasure-seekers be said to have, on the "old woe of the world," any deeper bearing than the people composing such a society could guess? The answer was that a frivolous society can acquire dramatic significance only through what its frivolity destroys. Its tragic implication lies in its power of debasing people and ideals. The answer, in short, was my heroine, Lily Bart.

Flannery O'Connor may be the great American moral symbolist of this century. In her brief life and in her brief but luminous work—two volumes of stories and two short novels—she asks all of the hard questions, as they occur to lower middle-class white people in the South. Her characters struggle with moral dilemmas, handicapped by their devotion to self-righteous cliches about happiness or salvation.

Hazel Motes, the hero of her first novel, *Wise Blood*, tries with excruciating persistence to reject the fundamentalist Christianity of his upbringing, even going so far as to found his own sect, the Church Without Christ. Surrounded by street-preaching hucksters, Motes is appalled by their ability to profess what they don't believe. "You ain't true," he tells them over and over. He, too, preaches from the roof of his car, a "rat-colored Essex," and when he becomes discouraged, embraces the car itself: "Nobody with a good car needs to be justified." He murders one of the false preachers by running him over, before a policemen, acting as God, shoves the car over a cliff. Motes then blinds himself with lime in an attempt to impress another crooked itinerant preacher with his sincerity, and in the end, he dies. The novel's profundity lies in its ability to make Hazel Motes's fanaticism significant. And this is what O'Connor said about that attempt in her preface to *Wise Blood*:

> It is a comic novel about a Christian *malgre lui* and as such, very serious, for all comic novels that are any good must be about matters of life and death. ... That belief in Christ is to some a matter of life and death has been a stumbling block for readers who would prefer to think it a matter of no great consequence. For them Hazel Motes' integrity lies in his trying with such vigor to get rid of the ragged figure who moves from tree to tree in the back of his mind. For the author Hazel's integrity lies in his not being able to. Does one's integrity ever lie in what he is not able to do? I think that it usually does, for free will does not mean one will, but many wills conflicting in one man. Freedom cannot be conceived simply. It is a mystery and one which a novel, even a comic novel, can only be asked to deepen.

O'Connor's characters almost always fail—either to achieve what they wish for or to realize what they've done. And yet the message in her symbol-laden landscapes is always that what we do and the words we use matter, have moral significance to the meaning of our experience.

Convincing students that what they say matters isn't easy in the present atmosphere. The terms of the fraternity debate here this fall were, in my mind at least, frighteningly connected by the terms of the presidential race then going on. In public forums, cheap shots, misrepresentations, contempt for the opposition, and speaking without regard to consequences made a real exchange of ideas impossible. But regardless of how our political leaders act, students must recognize that the words we use, the manner in which we use them, and the decorations we choose for our parties are symbolic expressions of our values. This is no less true than it once was—although perhaps those values have become less "true," as Hazel Motes would say. But not to understand the symbolism is a failure of education, a willful failure by the students—and a tacit failure by the teacher.

Wallace Stevens wrote in 1942 of the possibility for nobility in poetry and the need for nobility in an ignoble era. In his essay "The Noble Rider and the Sound of Words," Stevens argued that a noble poetry is all that makes possible a noble life among "disintegrating" forces:

> [Nobility] is not an artifice that the mind has added to human nature. The mind has added nothing to human nature. It is a violence from within the protects us from a violence without. It is the imagination pressing back against the pressure of reality. It seems, in the last analysis, to have something to do with our self-preservation; and that, no doubt, is why the expression of it, the sound of its words, helps us to live our lives.

A call for nobility is not anachronistic, and neither is a call for symbolic literacy and renewed attention to the sound of words.

STUDENT TALK

In Poznan, they have no bananas.

During a semester in Poland which included a meeting with Lech Walesa, a Middlebury student learns more than Polish.
By Molly Rath '89.

Erik Borg

Prosze." A very sleepy voice answered my knock on the door. Little did I know at the time that that was to be the most widely used word in my Polish vocabulary; the Poles say "please" for everything.

It was after ten o'clock at night when I arrived at the large grey-block building where I was to live during the months to follow. This was the biggest student dorm in Poznan, and it sat right on the busiest intersection of the entire city. I had just arrived from Warsaw by bus, and tumbled into the room in sort of a disheveled heap. Unfortunately for Bea, who was sick and only half awake, I was too excited to sleep. She had had no idea that I was coming, and I think it was all she could do to muster a smile. She sat on the edge of her bed in pink pajamas and simply nodded as I engaged in all sorts of gestures and sounds in an attempt to introduce myself and explain my sudden arrival.

The first items to spill from my backpack were my dictionary, a pencil, and piece of paper. I wanted to tell her that I was sorry for disturbing her, and yet not really, because I was so happy to meet her. (Later we would talk and laugh many times about this first evening, but we never could quite piece it together. She was somewhat delirious in her state of antibiotic sleep, and it seemed like such a long time ago to me....)

I woke up the next day with the glare of early morning light coming through the single grimy windowpane of our tiny room. Bea was still fast asleep, so I lay staring at the grey film covering the windowsill, and the bare, dirty yellow walls surrounding me. The only other thing to focus on was a black and white poster of German Dramatist Bertolt Brecht. Home and Middlebury were no longer merely miles away, but completely out of my mind. I could hear the couple next door arguing, and, down the hall, a baby crying. It was then that it dawned on me where I was and that my new adventure had actually begun.

I had come to Poland to spend my junior spring semester on a program through American University (in Washington D.C.). The academic semester ran February through May, and during that time I took courses in Polish history, post-war literature, Poland's legal system, and, of course, an intensive Polish language course. But the greatest lessons for me were those taught by people outside of the classroom. I returned to the States last August with a collection of impressions of Poland and its people—and with some very special friendships.

No sooner had I arrived from the university and taken off my coat and mittens than Bea grabbed my hand and told me we had somewhere to go; she had been waiting for me all afternoon.

We hurried down the eight flights of stairs—Bea was too excited to wait for the elevator which she usually insisted upon—and outside onto Armii Czerwonej street, towards the commercial center of town. Gasping for air and dodging passersby, Bea informed me that the government had just lifted the chocolate ration. For the last few years only children 12 and under had been allowed to buy limited amounts of chocolate, so this was truly an occasion. After a lengthy wait in the crowded "sweets store"—everybody else

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in Poznan had obviously heard the same news—we made our way back to the dorm with our purchase. Bea skipped.

Usually Bea opens things very carefully, for she likes to save bits and pieces of colorful wrapping—but this was different. She started to tell me that Poland always used to be this good, prior to Jaruzelski and the martial law Poland's leader imposed when he took power in 1981. Back then there were no ration cards, and everybody could buy chocolate and and many other good things year-round. She remembered those times with enthusiasm and pleasure, and she told me that her biggest wish was that it might always be that way. She pulled her knees up under her chin and closed her eyes as she told me how she should like to have piles of chocolate, cakes, oranges, and pineapples surrounding her, just like Egyptian pharoahs of long ago. "Ah! and bananas, too." At this point Bea stopped and sighed; she had never even tried a banana.

She went on to tell me about her hope to one day travel around the world and about her interest in magic, superstitions, and horoscopes. She loves all of these because "they are easy to dream about, but you do not have to believe in them."

On the inside, she explained, people can hope, dream, and set unique goals as individuals, and sometimes they express these wishes in small, private groups. But once one goes out in public, she is governed by the laws of conformity and society where it is impossible to think of that which is good for each person as an individual. The general mentality automatically assumes a communal nature.

People in Poland, Bea explained, can fight this by attempting to live for, and be, themselves. But after a while comes an exhausted surrender to this fight; as they age, people become less hopeful—and less willing to fight. She said that there was also, however, the exception; those who die poor and tired, but in their minds at least, have not admitted defeat. Bea's chocolate was gone, and so was her smile. She was no longer restless and giggling, but once again a subdued 24-year-old. "It is all a matter of values...."

There are so many Poles whose values do not extend beyond work, family, and complying with the laws of citizenship, Bea noted; they do not have the means to grow beyond these. They lack education and are destined to lead poor and simple lives, which are unlikely to change. Bea emphasized the importance of these people to the country, its culture, and socio-economic structure.

Bea gave an analogy of the Earth's vegetational strata. These simple people are the earth or land, and those wealthy in ideas and money represent the trees. I asked if the trees took the earth for granted, and she said she did not think so—well, perhaps. Those who take others lesser than themselves for granted, she decided, are thorny bushes which have no leaves and merely aspire to be more than they are. But this superiority is an illusion.

I asked why the soil is so important. Bea said it provides the foundation for building blocks and supports all of society. It houses the roots of all growth and nourishes it. The soil makes basic subsistence possible for vegetation and is thus the primary source of fertilization.

Anyway, Bea's conclusion was that Polish people eventually surrender their biggest thoughts and hopes—and they simultaneously surrender the youthful notion of individuality. The minerals are depleted, life loses purpose, and the soil lies fallow.

Lech Walesa declared that communism was finished in Poland—and is becoming obsolete the world over: "It is time to begin again."

My first Polish snow. It had been sunny the day before, and fairly mild as I boarded the train in Poznan. But by the time we had arrived in Gdansk the next morning, the sky was dark, and flakes had begun to fall.

It was also my first glimpse of the Baltic seacoast. Out the window I watched the grimy bus stops and bare tree branches turn from a single shade of grey to a single shade of white. The snow seemed whiter than usual though, and I supposed it was because of the dark background behind everything during the winter in Poland. The only real color came from the other side of town where the impressive orange and blue cranes of the Lenin Shipyard towered high above apartment buildings and factory stacks.

After biding time by walking around town, watching it come to life, my two American friends and I made our way to St. Brygyda's Church. As we waited in the rectory, we were both excited and skeptical about the morning ahead. An aquaintance had arranged for us to meet with Lech Walesa, the head representative of the trade union Solidarity.

A prelate, known as the "rhinestone bishop" for his colorful attire and rather posh quarters, came out to greet us. Mr. Walesa, he said, would be with us shortly.

As we were ushered into the room where our host awaited us, I was initially struck by the red carpet, the dark panelled walls, and the ornate chandelier which hung above the round table. It was only then that I noticed the man sitting right below it. Dressed in a tweed jacket, plaid tie and loafers, Lech Walsea did very little to attract attention. Although a celebrity to many Americans, Walesa seemed like an everyday, down-to-earth person.

He was soft-spoken and serious. As he spoke, he fingered his teacup. Occasionally he diverted his gaze from us to watch the grounds settle on the bottom. He gave us some brief background about Solidarity. He declared that communism was finished in Poland—and is becoming obsolete the world over: "It is time to begin again."

The Polish people should stop thinking about past revolutions, the most recent being in 1980-81, and concentrate on reforms, he said. Uprisings merely waste lives and energy without ever taking the shape of concrete resolutions. Walesa likened the situation between the government and the people in Poland to a horse and a cart. The government, the horse, does not care if the weight of the load is too great for the cart, the people; it keeps pulling until the cart breaks. He does not want to see Poland's people break their spines for small victories. "They can not afford to surrender everything," he explained. "They must go after something specific. They need a strategy."

More important than specifics about economic reform and past failures, Walesa said he wanted us to understand the nature of Poland's fight for reforms.

He wanted us to take a simple approach and view it on a very human level. And this was the value of the experience, for we were turning pages that had not been written in *Newsweek* or *The New York Times*.

Lech Walesa is aware that times are changing, and with them the needs and desires of the Polish people are changing, as well. Opposition to the communist government has spread into various realms of Polish society, and yet it is the youth who are most determined and dynamic now. They are the inheritors of the struggle for pluralism and an open society, he noted, and they are the ones whose skepticism and protests are great enough to challenge the current regime.

Walesa is supportive of the youth movements and is willing to work with them. Yet, he acknowledged, there remains a generation gap. Middle-aged workers demand higher wages and the legalization of trade unions; the younger population wants independent student governments and free circulation of literature. What should be the top priority? But Walesa is confident that these differences can be transcended. All people need to do is realize that underlying their different causes lies a single common denominator, he explained—one of faith and the fight for pluralism. From that basis hopes and priorities must be pursued individually. This message runs deep with Walesa; on his lapel he wears pins of the Black Madonna and "*Solidarnosc*."

But on a more personal level, this gap hurts. He shared with us the point at which he realized that his children would never belong to the same present or future as he. One day, when he told his son that he loved him, his son questioned it. He pointed out to his father that love holds a different meaning for all, especially those of different times, different pasts. He paused, sadly, and nodded: "But you know, he was right."

I remember meeting Hanka at a friend's nameday party, and spending most of the evening listening to her tell stories. Play was her most favorite pastime; every day is a unique experience for Hanka. My eagerness to explore and discover Poland and her energy and spontaneity made for many fun times spent together.

But she was more than a "playmate"; Hanka was also a very good friend and teacher. At 30, unwed and unemployed, she is not an average woman in Poland. Her spirit of adventure and independence goes somewhat against the grain of a restrained society.

Hanka arrived at the perfect time on a Sunday in June. It was a wet and grey afternoon, and I was just about to set out in search of some source of sunshine, when she appeared with Pinkus, her German shepherd. She wore boots up to her knees and carried a pail in hand.

We walked to the edge of town, passing the last bus stop and rows of block housing, to Salatski Park. With Pinkus in the lead, we trekked beyond the park and through a forest, which surrounds a large lake. Hanka decided it was time Pinkus learned how to swim. Oblivious to the quiet fishers tucked in little coves all along the shore, she threw a stick into the water.

As Pinkus raced about, sniffing, splashing, and exploring, Hanka and I followed, laughing, and chatting. We stopped at a picnic area where Hanka emptied out her pail. We had sandwiches, and we bought tea and ice cream from a nearby snack bar; we ate at an umbrella table—without an umbrella. Hanka said it had been a while since she had been there, because the white tables were chipped down to a rusty blue, and the beach was no longer sandy. It was overgrown, and the water was murky. Yet, everything else was just as it had been when she was little. It was still the place for a Sunday afternoon escape from the city.

"You see," she said, "things never change here." We left the park and set out toward her family's garden plot for the daily harvest of flowers, strawberries, and radishes. On the way, Hanka pointed out her old school, the bakery where they used to buy bread when they would spend the whole day at the garden, a tree she used to climb and "borrow" cherries from, and her favorite bicycle hill. She told stories of each place: "how things used to be."

And as we walked, I realized that things were still that way. At 30, with thick brown bangs and a few freckles left, Hanka still rides her 17-year-old bike, still frequents the neighbor's fruit trees, and still receives leftovers from the baker—only now she shares them with Pinkus.

"Things just grow and get old," Hanka said. She told me about how her father had spent many years saving his money for a television. Now that he is retired and has one, he does not even watch it. This is what getting old is like, she said—working all one's life towards achieving a single goal, reaching that goal, and then realizing it was a mistake. She will not let that happen to her. The only signs of change in Poland are signs of age. In terms of goals, Hanka said, "I prefer surprises."

It was Hanka who first made me see Poland as stagnant, caught in the slow drift of time. Like Salatski Park, Poland, it seems, has not changed over the years. There are changes on the surface. Colors are of a different shade, and the ripples on the lake are in different places. But Poland, it seems, is still where it was decades ago. And people, like the ducks, are still living the same life; they are surviving.

AROUND THE HILL

A Rhodes Scholar

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The first double supernova?

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Winter without (enough) snow

Opposite page: The Brattleboro Opera Company and the College joined forces for a winter term performance of Englebert Humperdinck's **Hansel and Gretel** *(in translation). Under the direction of Nan Noll of the music department, the Mead Chapel stage became an enchanted forest. The production featured a number of Middlebury students and alumni, including (left to right) Alice Vail '85 as Gretel, Mary Anne Kruger '89 as Hansel, and Meredith Parsons '75 as the witch and stepmother. Photo by Erik Borg.*

Update on fraternity discussions

At the December meeting of the faculty, College President Olin Robison announced the appointment of a Special Committee on Student Life, headed by former College Trustee U.S. District Judge Albert Coffrin '41 and including trustees, students, faculty, alumni, and administration members. High on that committee's agenda, Robison said, would be a full review of the College's fraternity system and its appropriate role on the campus. The new committee is patterned after a similar committee chaired by Coffrin from 1977-1979, which mandated various reforms of the fraternity system, including College ownership of fraternity houses and the closing of fraternity dining.

The appointment of the special committee was, in part, a response to a November vote by the faculty outlining a set of "articles of change" to be considered by the fraternities. That vote asked the Interfraternity Council to respond to the articles by the faculty's March meeting, at which time the faculty would consider a formal recommendation on the fraternity system to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

On March 6, after a report on the Faculty Council's discussions with the Interfraternity Council, the faculty overwhelmingly approved a set of recommendations that, in the words of Professor of Physics Richard Wolfson, would ultimately mean "abolishing fraternities at Middlebury College." But under the articles, he said, "we're doing it in a slightly slower way," keeping the fraternity system in place while building a new social system to replace it. By a vote of 113-13, the faculty approved the following document:

"The faculty resolves and recommends to the President and the Board of Trustees that the current fraternity system at Middlebury College be replaced with a system of coeducational residential social units. We propose that this change be accomplished through a series of alterations in the current system, and that present residents of fraternity houses be allowed to continue in residence and to participate in the implementation of these changes.

Specifically, we recommend

1) that exisiting fraternities end all affiliation with national fraternities,

2) that Greek letters no longer be used to name residential social units at the College,

3) that the name "fraternity" be replaced with a gender-free term,

4) that a plan of membership and residential selection be developed that would effectively transform the existing fraternities into coeducational units with equal membership and participation among women and men. This plan would be so designed to guarantee the full realization of this goal by the beginning of Fall semester, 1991,

5) that the Special Committee on Student Life consider ways by which a measure of autonomy and continuity of membership be built into the residential housing system.

6) These articles would take effect by the beginning of the Fall semester, 1990."

The vote resulted from an initial motion at the faculty's September meeting, in which Professor of Philosophy Victor Nuovo asked the faculty to consider recommending the abolishment of fraternities at the College. After two months of discussions with fraternity representatives, Nuovo and Wolfson prepared a set of "Articles of Change," basically those listed in the final recommendation, and the faculty agreed in November to let the fraternities consider the adoption of those articles on their own. At the March meeting before the final vote, Wolfson read a letter from the IFC outlining its official response to the articles.

The IFC letter said that "considerable

progress" had been made during the fall and winter in terms of raising consciousness and increasing understanding among fraternity members about matters of concern to the faculty—especially regarding social behavior and fraternity attitudes toward women. Efforts were being made to recruit women into the system in the current rush, the letter noted, although under the national charters women would be considered only "local members."

But the faculty should also recognize, said the letter, that the fraternity system represents a "tradition" which is important to current members and to alumni; in particular, the Kappa Delta Rho house is the founding national chapter of that fraternity, and alumni have a strong attachment to its national affiliation. Fraternities "have been—and can still be—a positive part of the Middlebury community," the letter concluded. The IFC hoped that the faculty would recognize that "a process of change is under way," but that change is a slow and difficult process.

IFC President Michael Kelly '89 attended the faculty meeting, and invited by President Robison to address the faculty, he reiterated the IFC's commitment to constructive change. The fraternities could not, however, he said, fully accept the faculty's recommendations, because those recommendations would erase the traditions and identities of the fraternities.

Wolfson praised the efforts of Kelly and the IFC officers who'd worked with the Faculty Council since the fall. Nonetheless, Wolfson told the faculty that the IFC response "falls far short of what we had hoped for." He asked the faculty to recommend that the trustees approve the articles of change that the fraternities had not accepted on their own.

No official timetable has been set for trustee action on the fraternity issue. As President Robison noted during the meeting, "this is not going to be an easy discussion with the trustees." Twelve of the Board's 21 members are male alumni who attended Middlebury at a time when virtually all male students were members of a fraternity. "The trustees," President Robison said, "are very interested in what the faculty is doing here."

It is expected that the Special Committee, which will be coordinated on campus by Ann Hanson, associate dean of the College, will deal with the fraternity question first, inviting input from all concerned parties—including alumni, students, and faculty. The committee will then presumably bring recommendations to the trustees, as early, perhaps, as next October.

In brief

■ **A Rhodes taken:** Paul Carrese '89 was named in December as one of 32 American students to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. Established in 1902 by the British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes, the scholarship supports two years of study at Oxford University; the stated goal of the scholarship program is that it contribute to world understanding and peace. The selection committees judge candidates upon their academic achievement and extra-curricular activities, with an emphasis on demonstrated leadership and respect and concern for others.

A political science major with a concentration in Western literature, Carrese has been active in student government and the campus radio station WRMC, and he's been a member of Educational Council, a saxophone player in the Middlebury Jazz Ensemble, and a house director. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year.

■ **Non-trivial pursuit:** Proceeds from a January game of "Trivial Pursuit" on the Dana Auditorium stage—an annual battle of student vs. faculty brains—once again went toward the College community's support for the South Africa Scholarship Fund. Working with the New England Board of Higher Education, for the past three years the College has provided three scholarships—of $2,800 each—to support black students at South African universities. Contributions from the campus community are matched two-to-one by the Board of Trustees.

In a January memo to the campus, President Olin Robinson reported that news from the three South African students currently designated as "Middlebury scholars" is "quite encouraging." Two plan careers in teaching: Stephen Sihlangu, who studies education at the University of Witwatersrand, and Itani Magwaba, who studies mathematics at Rhodes University. Amiena Bohardien is working toward a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Capetown.

■ **Fast for hunger, food for thought:** The OXFAM fast for world hunger, held on campus the Thursday before Thanksgiving, raised approximately $2,700, according to Ted Mayer, director of the dining services. Students voluntarily gave up 1,145 meals (446 lunches, at $1.75 each, and 700 dinners, at $2.62), with the dining services donating the savings to OXFAM, the world food development organization.

"It's not just money we raise, but consciousness," Chaplain John Walsh told *The Campus*, arguing that the fast gives students the opportunity to identify with those who are starving as they experience hunger themselves. Walsh called the event succesful: this year's OXFAM funds, which will go toward emergency relief and development projects in underdeveloped countries, exceeded last year's figure.

But it might have been more. According to the sign-up lists for the OXFAM fast, more than 800 students pledged to give up lunch and dinner—by the dining services' count, far fewer did so. The discrepancy, a perennial problem, stemmed from the fact that there's no simple way to check up on pledges, so the dining services must rely on its estimates of meals eaten.

What's more, Ted Mayer wondered ruefully in *The Campus*, is it really a fast when students show up at lunch and make sandwiches for the supper they're supposed to skip?

■ **Disk disease:** Two computer "viruses" hit in late fall as a mini-epidemic infected some of the College's Macintosh computers. The viruses, known as "nVIR" (a program that fills ups disk space so that a user has no place to store a file) and "SCORES" (which can cause a disk to "crash" completely), were not related to the celebrated virus that swept some of the nation's campuses and research institutes earlier in the fall—but they did cause a degree of inconvenience and panic.

Since computer viruses, like human ones, may lie dormant before beginning to spread, no one knows for sure when—or how—the viruses appeared on campus. They may have been picked up through a "bulletin board," a public computer system that offers free access by telephone to anyone with a computer and a modem to call it up. In any event, the viruses showed up first on hard drives used by College professors and

spread to a "server" that contained programs used by several classes. Eventually, disks were crashing right and left.

To fight the illness, the academic computing service temporarily shut down the server and used three different programs to check individual disks for viruses. Students who brought in a blank disk, for example, received a copy of a program which can detect and notify the user of a virus's presence. The new program's name? "Vaccine."

■ **Music and a message:** Sechaba, eight members of the African National Congress who speak and sing out against apartheid, performed on campus in November. The young South Africans, who all came to the United States on educational scholarships, met in this country and, as Janette Mothobi told a reporter for *The Campus*, "realized the people of the U.S. needed to be told the real story of apartheid. We also realized people were more receptive to music. We saw music as a medium for education in the United States. The movements and sound are based on living conditions in South Africa."

■ **Marathon dancing:** Members of the Dance Company of Middlebury were in good form at the New England Regional American College Dance Festival, held at Keene (N.H.) State College in February. The weekend program included workshops, professional classes—and the opportunity to be judged by professional dancers.

Of 37 dance pieces, performed by groups of dancers from 25 colleges, eight were selected for the festival's closing concert—including both of the pieces performed by Middlebury's dancers. Crystal Sylvester '89 directed an improvisational piece called "A Dance for Child's Play," and James Coleman, a guest artist during winter term, choreographed the second piece, "Untitled #5."

There's also the possibility of more: Dancers who participated in the festival are eligible for scholarship opportunities offered by summer dance programs, including Jacob's Pillow and the schools of Merce Cunningham and Martha Graham.

Erik Borg

The October ribbon-cutting ceremony at the official opening of the Ballenger Computer Center was really a computer-paper tearing ceremony. Renovations to Voter Hall were made possible by a major gift from John G. Ballenger, chairman and president of Computer Equity Corporation and father of Jacqueline Ballenger '86. The Ballengers helped President Olin Robison cut the ceremonial paper. The new computer center houses the College's large central computers, as well as offices for the administrative and academic computing staffs. From the student perspective, the best part of the building are its 58 Macintosh and 12 IBM workstations available 24 hours a day. **The Campus** ***picked the new center as its number one highlight of the fall.***

■ **Highs and lows:** "The Peaks, the Pits," was the title of an end-of-fall-semester editorial in *The Campus*. The list of bests and worsts last fall included: "Best"— "1) Ballenger Computer Center, 2) Free Parking, 3) Campus Security Mopeds, 4) "The Last Resort"—honesty in advertising, 5) Football crushes Amherst, 6) Doonesbury lives on, 7) Soviet students arrive and thrive, 8) Hepburn elevator, 9) CIA protesters and counter-protesters duke it out in verbal streetfight, 10) Frank Kelley."

On the "worst" side—"1) Computer virus, 2) The other parking regulations, 3) Keg crackdown, 4) Proctor lines, 5) Football loses everything else, 6) Poisonous chicken tenders, 7) Arts Center relocated, Student Center still nowhere to be seen, 8) Laundry ticket shortage, 9) College remains aloof, 10) Campus subscription delays."

One final list, titled "Baddest: 1) Ted Turner."

To fill in a few—but not all—of the details: Best: 1) See photo above. 3) Campus security personnel now use umopeds when the weather allows. 6) Financial constraints prompted *The Campus* to entertain briefly the possibility of dropping the expensive "Doonesbury" cartoons it prints each week. 7) Three Soviet students are spending the year on campus. 8) Renovated Hepburn dormitory has an elevator. 9) Campus protests over recruiters from the Central Intelligence Agency continue. 10) Francis Kelley, director of College residential life, spends long hours on campus and is recognized as a strong student advocate.

Worst: 1) See computer virus story above. 2) New parking regulations assign student cars to specific lots—and threaten the towing of cars when students build up fines. 3) With only seniors and half the junior class of legal drinking age, kegs of beer are no longer allowed at most parties. 4) Proctor Hall remains the most popular student dining area, and all the students seem to arrive for dinner at the same time. 7) The contractors for the Student Center renovations of McCullough will likely be the same contractors that build the new Arts Center; students felt the Student Center project was being held up by delays caused by discussions of the location for the Arts Center. Plans for both buildings are now in the hands of the contractors, and it is expected that construction will begin this summer.

Baddest: 1) Ted Turner, founder of Cable News Network, America's Cup captain, and sports-team owner, gave a rambling Mead Chapel address in the fall that got decidedly mixed reviews.

News from the tenure tracks

In December four members of the Middlebury faculty were promoted to the position of associate professor with tenure: James P. Butler, art; Bethany Ladimer, French; A. David Napier, Dana faculty fellow in art and anthropology; and Stephen F. Sontum, chemistry.

James P. Butler, a painter who joined the faculty in 1981, earned a B.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design and a M.F.A. from Indiana University, Bloomington. Represented by the Tibor De Nagy Gallery in New York City, he has held solo exhibitions at the University of Vermont, Smith College, and the Johnson Gallery, and he has been part of group exhibitions at the Sherry French Gallery and P.S. 122 in New York City, the Rondini Gallery in Rome, and the Stratton (Vt.) Arts Festival. Butler, who teaches painting and studio art at the college, is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including three Vermont Council on the Arts grants and a Ford Foundation grant to attend Maine's Skowhegan School.

Bethany Ladimer, a Barnard College graduate who earned her Ph.D. in French from Columbia University, joined the Middlebury faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor of French; she served as dean of the French School in 1978-79 and as director of the Middlebury College School in Paris in 1979-80. In 1985-86, as a visiting assistant professor of French at Dartmouth College, she directed Dartmouth's program abroad at the Universite de Lyon II. Returning to Middlebury in 1986, Ladimer has taught a wide variety of courses, including beginning and intermediate French, French poetry and prose, and a foundations course on French women writers. Among her publications are articles on Camus, Proust, and Colette.

A. David Napier, who joined the faculty in 1981, holds a B.Phil. from Katholiceke Universiteit te Leuven and did his graduate work in at Oxford. The recipient of an NEH fellowship in 1987-88, he was a visiting fellow at All Souls College, Oxford in 1987.Napier's field work in Bali, Indonesia, and in Banares and Madras, India, has resulted in a number of publications, including *Masks, Transformation and Paradox* (University of California Press, 1986), an influential account of the use of masks in Hindu rituals, with a special focus on Bali. He currently has a book in press, *Foreign Bodies: Essays in Performance Art, and Symbolic Anthropology*, and several works in progress, including an introduction to non-Western art and a study of Balinese cultural ecology.

Stephen F. Sontum, whose fields of specialization include theoretical inorganic chemistry and physical biochemistry, joined the chemistry faculty in 1983. Sontum earned a B.A. in physics from California Lutheran College and a Ph.D. in biophysics from the University of California at Davis. He has also taught at UC-Davis and at California State University in Sacramento. At Middlebury, Sontum's research has included the automation of chemical analysis using computers. His publications include an article on using "laser refraction" to measure liquid diffusion coefficients in the *Journal of Chemical Education*, and "Electronic Structures of Active Site Models for Compounds I and II of Peroxidase," in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

Cubeta to retire, Maddox to direct School of English

Paul Cubeta, director of the Bread Loaf School of English for 25 years, will retire from the Middlebury College faculty at the end of this academic year, President Olin Robison announced in December. James Maddox, professor of English at George Washington University and a 10-year member of the Bread Loaf faculty, has been named to replace Cubeta as Bread Loaf director.

Cubeta came to the College English department in 1952. His Shakespeare courses have been an unofficial requirement for English majors ever since; his current title on the regular faculty is College Professor of Humanities. As Bread Loaf director, he started the Bread Loaf program at Lincoln College, Oxford University, where 85 students study each summer. He also oversaw the creation of the Program in Writing for rural teachers, which brings 40 new teachers from rural areas to Bread Loaf on full-tuition scholarships each summer for training in the teaching of writing; the School of English has developed "rural teacher" outposts around the country, from Alaska, to New Mexico, to South Carolina, to South Dakota, administering various programs that give teachers grant money to develop innovative methods for the teaching of writing, often making use of computers. Cubeta has led the efforts to raise financial

Faculty notes

■ **Two for one:** Frank Winkler, professor of physics, and a team of astronomers have reported the discovery of some unusual stellar fireworks, which they interpret as a "double supernova." The British journal *Nature* featured a photograph of the event—captured through the 157-inch-diameter telescope at the Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory in Chile—on its cover in December.

The astronomers believe that they've found evidence of a supernova explosion that took place approximately 800 years ago within the debris of an earlier explosion, which took place 4,000 years ago. The age of the explosions are calculated by measuring the velocity of the gases expanding from the center; the slower the expansion, the older the blast. Winkler and his colleagues have found evidence of debris from two explosions mixing together, moving at different velocities.

The stellar event is called Puppis A, and its irregular structure has puzzled astronomers for a long time; the new observations captured something others had missed—fast-moving oxygen-rich filaments, which have not had time to mix with other stellar gases. If the conclusions of Winkler and colleagues are correct, this would be the first time astronomers have identified the explosion of one star so near another.

■ **Address the attack on words with stronger words:** "We are distressed by what we consider to be a significant omission in President Bush's and Secretary Baker's responses to the agony of Salman Rushdie," begins a February 28, 1989, letter from 20 writers affiliated with the College and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, addressed to Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin, U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy and James Jeffords, and U.S. Representative Peter Smith. "We refer to the President's apparent failure to comprehend this particular stroke of terrorism in its larger dimension as an historic assault on the sanctity of human expression."

"The death warrant against Mr. Rushdie (and against those who distribute his work)," the letter continues, "reaches beyond the interest of professional writers to every institution

that upholds the right of free expression even of unpopular or offensive ideas." President Bush's public responses to date "seem to be minimal protestations, not the charged eleoquence of a statesman eager to confute, with words, an assault on words. They miss the larger point: that all of us—writers, readers, public servants, citizens—anyone harboring an opinion at odds with the professed orthodoxy of state or church or community—are Salman Rushdie."

The letter concludes: "We ask you to... urge him to help redeem Mr. Rushdie's personal calamity by vigorously reaffirming the life force of human ideas, the sanctity of the individual voice, and America's historic dedication to keeping freedom of expression alive."

■ **Tit for tat:** In a previous study looking closely at recurrent international crises, such as those between the Arabs and Israelis, the Indians and Pakistanis, or the U.S. and U.S.S.R., Russell Leng suggested that when combatants choose the *realpolitik* response of "acting tough" in a crisis, they are likely to act even tougher—win or lose—in the next crisis. That makes subsequent crises even more dangerous and violent.

So Leng, Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Political Science, explored the reasons for that kind of outcome—and possible alternatives—using a more theoretical approach: "game theory," it's called. He reported on his "game"-playing in an *American Political Science Review* article, "Crisis Learning Games."

Leng's "games" posit two players of different combinations—equally matched, or one might start with the advantage of being a previous winner. The games propose that each side has three choices in a conflict; it can use the same strategy as the previous conflict, it can escalate its coercion, or it can cooperate. Those options create a three by three matrix, with nine boxes. Each box has a value of one through nine based on its value to each side; each side prefers to "win" using the least amount of coercive force. Move by move, each player picks the most advantageous box available.

What Leng found was that when one player pursues a "tit-for-tat" or reciprocating strategy, the opponents reached more satisfactory mutual positions than when they both "played tough." In a "tit-for-tat" strategy, the first move should always be toward cooperation, but from that point, the player escalates or cooperates reciprocally.

It's a logical result, when you think about it, Leng suggests. Keeping options open gives one more room to operate in a conflict situation—and a tit-for-tat strategy generally keeps open more options than a *realpolitik* strategy, in which both sides move toward a situation in which the only available options are the least desirable. "The immediate policy relevance of the games," Leng writes, "lies in their demonstration of the critical importance of having the foresight to avoid moves that can foreclose desirable options and force policymakers to consider acts of brinksmanship or war." (*APSR*, March 1988)

■ **Fun with numbers:** In two papers for the *Journal of Recreational Mathematics*, Associate Professor of Economics Paul Sommers looks into two often-talked-about phemenona.

It's often said that U.S. presidents age markedly in office—and that the job takes years off their lives, Sommers notes in "Does the American Presidency shorten life?" But comparing life expectancies and the number of years American presidents live after their inauguration, Sommers concludes that "the longevity record of TV-era Presidents who have held office since Franklin D. Roosevelt has improved markedly." Not since the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln, Sommers notes, have four ex-presidents been alive on Inauguration Day, as was the case on January 20, 1989.

In "A Postmortem on the death-dip hypothesis" (the dip in the number of deaths in the month before peoples' birthdays), Sommers looks at the birth and death dates of 900 famous Americans, dividing them into eight groups, including artists of various sorts, political leaders, Baseball Hall of Famers, Supreme Court Justices, military men, frontier figures and explorers, and medical figures. Only in the case of political figures—including Presidents, Vice-Presidents, First Ladies, and others—does he find a decrease in the number of deaths in the month before their birth dates, with a corresponding increase the month after. The "fortitude and strong will" of political leaders, Sommers suggests, explains the connection between birthday and deathday.

■ **Name that tune:** To open the fourth annual American Music Week Celebration in Mead Chapel in November, Music Instructor James Grant directed the Middlebury College Brass Ensemble performance of a piece he composed for the occasion, "Fanfare Fantasy on a Familiar Tune." The "Fanfare" offers a whimsical set of variations on the Middlebury "Alma Mater," never fully stating the tune until the end. The Celebration went on to performances by the rest of the music department faculty, staff, and students. Grant, new to Middlebury this year, is rewriting the "Fanfare" piece for a smaller brass group and organ to make it easier for future performances.

■ **Honors:** Christopher Watters, professor of biology, was appointed to the Committee of Examiners for the Graduate Record Examination in biology....

Claudia Henrion, assistant professor of mathematics, has received a Research and Projects Grant from the American Association of University Women to work on a book about women mathematicians, tentatively titled, "Dialogues with women in mathematics: Their lives and their work."...

Jeffrey Byers, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, has received two grants. The National Science Foundation has awarded Byers and Middlebury an $87,000 grant for the purchase of a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer; the Petroleum Research Fund has awarded Byers a $20,000 grant for a project titled, "Acylstannanes."...

Pamela Small, assistant professor of biology, has received a $73,000 National Institutes of Health grant to study the genetics of bacterial entry into human cells.

support for both the rural teachers program and the Bread-Loaf-in-the-Schools outreach programs, including a $1.5 million grant from the Bingham Trust in 1986 and equipment donations from Apple Computer.

"Bread Loaf enjoys a singular place in American academic life," Robison said, "and much of this is the result of Paul Cubeta's vision and energy."

Maddox, who was acting director last summer during Cubeta's two-week visit to the Oxford program, is the only active member of the Bread Loaf faculty to have been invited by two graduating classes to give the Commencement address. A graduate of Princeton, with a Ph.D. from Yale, he is author of *Joyce's Ulysses and the Assault Upon Character*, as well as articles on Joyce, Richardson, Defoe, and the English novel.

Japanese Studies gets chair

In October, President Olin Robinson announced that a $1.5 million grant from Shumei Ageo High School, contributed by Japanese educator and entrepreneur Hiroshi Kawashima, had been used to establish the Kawashima Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Japanese Studies.

"The American tradition of liberal arts education is virtually unknown in Japan," noted Hiroshi Miyaji, Starr professor of language and linguistics. "Yet Mr. Kawashima shares the ideals of Middlebury College. He wishes his students to become 'kokusaijin' [cosmopolitan], a goal he realizes is best achieved through a liberal arts curriculum."

The grant signals a cooperative program between Middlebury and the Shumei Schools in Japan. Middlebury teachers, from both the undergraduate college and the Bread Loaf School of English, will teach at Shumei Schools, and Shumei schools teachers will study at Bread Loaf. Further down the road, the Shumei Schools may become part of the Bread Loaf BreadNet computer network, which links writing programs in schools across the U.S.

At Middlebury, the Kawashima professor will teach Japanese Studies courses in his or her specialty and will particpate in the College's East Asian Studies program. The first Kawashima professor is expected to be appointed for the coming academic year.

Winter notes

■ **Winter term discussions come to a vote**: The College faculty has begun a process that could result either in a plan to "revitalize" winter term, or in a semester schedule that eliminates winter term entirely.

In February of 1988, the faculty voted to ask the Educational Council, a committee of students and faculty members, to review the status of the College's January winter term, in which students currently take a single, intensive, four-week course. In a survey of students and faculty members, the Educational Council found strong faculty sentiment against the current winter term; faculty members feel that students don't treat their winter term courses seriously and that they value the term mainly as a chance for afternoon skiing. Students, in contrast, overwhelmingly support winter term, with some recognition that reforms are necessary. While students generally acknowledge that winter term courses are not treated as seriously as other courses, they point out that the term allows special course options—including recent trips to Egypt, the Grand Canyon, and the Soviet Union, and off-campus internships.

The council last spring responded by setting up two groups, one looking into a semester system and one looking into how to fix winter term. Both groups prepared proposals for the faculty to consider. Several open meetings were held for faculty and students to make comments on the developing proposals.

The result will be a two-stage faculty vote. In a special March meeting, the faculty was scheduled to discuss the "proposal for a revitalized winter term," which, among other things, would mandate a minimum meeting schedule for all courses and relieve faculty members from teaching winter term every other year (giving them time to prepare better spring term courses—and new courses for the following winter term). A vote will pit the current winter term against the revitalization plan; the vote will be held by mail, and it will include faculty members on leave.

A second vote, also by mail, will then weigh the semester system proposal against the winner of that first vote. The semester proposal asks the trustees to approve two 14-week semesters. The fall semester would begin in early September and finish just before Christmas; spring semester would begin in mid-January and, with a one-week spring break, ending in mid-May.

Either proposal for a change would have to be implemented by the trustees; the revitalized winter term plan, for example, would require a trustee decision to decrease the faculty's teaching load. The faculty votes are timed to put the issue before the Board of Trustees' meeting in May; the College schedule for 1989-90, with a winter term included, is already in place, and any changes would begin with the 1990-91 College year.

■ **The great north:** For three weeks of winter term, career Foreign Service Officer George Jaeger drilled 21 students on the difficult bilateral issues facing the U.S. and Canada—acid rain, a new free-trade agreement, and Canadian-American defense cooperation. Then in a weeklong visit to Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City, he let the students do the talking in meetings with Canadian government officials, business leaders, journalists, and U.S. diplomats—including Assistant Cabinet Secretary for Defense and Foreign Affairs Ernest Hebert, Chairman of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal John Coleman, Deputy Minister of Industry Robert Blackburn, the recently-resigned Quebec Minister of Environmental Affairs Clifford Lincoln, Vice President Claude Descoteaux of Hydro-Quebec, *Toronto Globe and Mail* Correspondent Geoffrey Simpson, and the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy, Dwight Mason.

Jaeger, serving his second year at Middlebury as part of the State Department's diplomat-in-residence program, has been counsel general in Quebec and political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. The "feather in the cap" of his trip with the students, he says, was a meeting with the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency Madame Jeanne Suave. Anthony Dew '91, one of three Canadian students in the group, appreciated the meeting more than some of the American students, commenting: "It's like a British person meeting the Queen."

■ **Entertaining the troops:** Facing a winter term without much snow, Residential Life Assistant Christopher Wood '88 proposed a striking idea to his students in Lang dormitory: a bowling league.

He eventually recruited enough bowlers for eight teams, bowling two afternoons a week at Middlebury Bowling Lanes.

■ **Glasnost on the streets:** When 54 students and three faculty members traveled to the Soviet Union for three weeks, they hit regular stops in Moscow and Leningrad, along with somewhat-less-traveled Kiev and Tallinn. But they also went off the tourist track to Tbilisi in Georgia and to central Asia—Tashkent and Bukhara in Uzbek-SSR. They had official meetings at the Institute for U.S.-Canada Studies, at English-speaking clubs and at universities, at regional radio and television stations, and at Leningrad Pravda; they saw a performance of *Swan Lake* at the Bolshoi Theatre. But students also wandered freely, visiting homes, local businesses, and dormitory rooms wherever they went. And as Soviets exercised their new freedom to associate openly with foreigners under the policy of *glasnost*, the students found open skepticism about the economic reforms proposed by Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Glasnost and *perestroika* work differently in different regions, the students learned. Under Gorbachev's economic reform plan, regions like Uzbek-SSR may not fare well in the future. The economic development there is new and is dependent on subsidies from the government; if, as planned, the central Soviet government leaves industries on their own to compete, Western-style, without the current subsidies, more-developed economic centers like the Baltic states will fare better, with more exportable goods and more profitable economic returns. In Tashkent, Patrick Mancuso '90 wore a Soviet Army fur hat, replacing the usual Red Star with a *perestroika* pin. "People would point at my pin," Mancuso says, "and they would laugh."

Molly Rath '89 spoke with a college student in Kiev, who suggested that *glasnost* and *perestroika* were inevitable. "We see that everything in the world is connected somehow, so we recognized the need for contact," the student noted. "Closedness was bad and did not produce any results. Openness, however, is not necessarily due to Gorbachev."

The average Vermont snowfall for a winter is 78 inches; as of February 17, the total stood at 27.6. But the lack of snow didn't affect the Carnival Ball. Yolande Smallwood '89 and Mark Mariani '89 were the queen and king.

Westerners are old hat in Moscow and Leningrad; and they are not uncommon in Kiev and Tallinn. But in Tashkent, the students were welcomed extravagently. Arriving late from Bukhara and in some disarray (another Aeroflot plane carrying half the group was delayed even longer), Associate Professor of Geography Ronald Liebowitz, Assistant Professor of Economics Catherine Sokil, and 28 students were hurried to what they expected to be a small get-together with a local "friendship society." Instead they were ushered into a large auditorium, before a crowd of 250, many of them dressed in native Uzbek costumes. Young schoolgirls performed folk dances; older schoolgirls sang American songs. Philip Mahoney '90 noted, "'Oh Susannah' sounds quite strange when sung with an Uzbek accent.'" The Americans were put on stage to answer questions; and they entertained with an act of their own, "perfectly horrible" renditions of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Students were most struck, however, by their informal, often private interactions—especially their "research" into the black market, the so-called "second economy." Two students visited a black-market "department store" run out of a hotel room in Moscow by two teenagers; while they listened to a Tracy Chapman album on a new Sony cassette player, the students looked over caviar, fur hats, lacquer boxes, hockey jerseys, and military coats and hats.

The official exchange rate was 61 kopeks for a dollar American (100 kopeks=one ruble), with the street market selling between five and 12 rubles for a dollar. By the end of the trip, most of the group had more rubles than they could spend. There were some mishaps; one student ethusiastically traded $80.00 for what was thought to 800 rubles—but they turned out to be Yugoslavian dinar (not a good deal).

There were also more friendly exchanges—traditional gift-giving and trading. Sticks of chewing gum and ballpoint pens (the students brought plenty of both) were traded for pins and other tokens. In many cases Soviets gave gifts and refused to accept anything in return; cab drivers frequently refused fares.

As the Soviets begin to explore free market systems, Liebowitz notes, they have a lot to learn. On his way to dinner one evening, he was accosted by a gang of four punk Soviets, another *glasnost* phenomenon, outside a Leningrad subway station. Gathering in a tight circle, they pushed Liebowitz from one to the other. "We're going to slit your throat," they threatened. "Tou better give us five dollars." Liebowitz blinked; he had $100 and rubles in his wallet. He considered giving in, then told them simply, "No." "Then give us three dollars." As another passerby walked past, and Liebowitz pushed his way out of the circle, shaking his head. Liebowitz says: "The Soviets have a lot to learn about Western ways of doing business. But they'll learn."

Winter sports

■ **Top guns:** Scoring almost 82 points per game and beating opponents by an average of 22 points per game, the women's basketball team had a record-breaking year. Compiling a final record of 15-5, the team reached the finals of the Northeast Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament, losing to defending champion Amherst, 58-56. They made it to the final by defeating top-seeded Connecticut College in an 89-88 thriller.

Before the loss to Amherst, the team had closed the season with eight straight wins. It will undoubtedly be a powerhouse again next year, as all but two players will return. The team's top three scorers were underclassmen: Caroline Leary '92 at 16.5 points per game, Kathryn Dubzinski '90 at 15.5 ppg, and Meredith Binder '90 at 15.4 ppg. Freshman sensation Leary also led the team with almost 16 rebounds per game, among the national leaders, and Binder finished among the national leaders, as well, in field goal percentage, making 61 percent of her shots. Middlebury outrebounded opponents by an average of 18.4 per game, leading the nation.

In the championship game, Middlebury led much of the way, despite the fact that Amherst shut the offense down for its lowest point total of the season. But with 19 seconds to play, two Amherst free throws put the game out of reach.

One more fact to suggest just how remarkable a season it was: the Middlebury women's basketball team had gone nine years since its last winning record.

Freshman sensation Caroline Leary '92 led the women's basketball team in scoring and rebounding. The team went 15-5 for the season—and Leary will be back next year.

Timothy Battista '90

■ **MacLeod takes title:** After second-place finishes at the National Collegiate Athletic Association skiing championships the past two years, Rob MacLeod '89 finally climbed to the top of the mountain to win the 1989 NCAA slalom championship. Placing fourth on the first run, MacLeod exploded to win the second run by .5 seconds. It was the first individual championship by a men's team member since John Clough '64 won in 1964.

As a team, Middlebury also moved up a notch over last year to seventh, ahead of Dartmouth but behind national champion Vermont, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Anchorage-Alaska. The alpine skiers led the scoring for Middlebury, but the nordic team was much improved over last year, when no cross-country skiers finished in the top 20 at the NCAAs.

The championships began with a women's giant slalom held in fog and snow, but Erica Nourjian '92 placed third, with Heather Flood '91 sixth. Claudia Stern '89, second in the G.S. a year ago, continued to struggle with injuries that plagued her all season and finished 27th.

In the women's slalom, Flood was second after the first run, but fell on the second, recovering quickly to place 17th. Stern was 18th, Kara Oliver '90 21st, and Nourjian 36th.

For the men, Devin O'Neill '91 placed 10th behind MacLeod in the slalom, with John Taylor '89 33rd. In the giant slalom, MacLeod had his best NCAA finish in ninth, with O'Neill a strong 12th.

Highlight of the nordic team's performance was a 12th-place finish by Jennifer Douglas '91 in the 15-kilometer freestyle race. Devon Daney '89 was 19th and Carla Barker '89 20th. In the women's five-kilometer diagonal race, Douglas was 28th with Daney 29th and Barker 32nd.

The nordic men brought four skiers to the nationals. Will Beebe '89 had two of the best races of his career, placing 19th in the 20-kilometer freestyle, behind a field that included numerous Scandinavians. In the 20-k, Tony Slaton '89 was 27th and Chris Clark '92 28th. All three performances were important, noted Coach Terry Aldrich, because all three finished ahead of skiers from Dartmouth and Williams. In the 10-kilometer classical race, Beebe placed 26th, Clark 32nd, John Ogden '91 39th, and Slaton 40th.

Despite the strong showing, it was still a year of might-have-beens. First Stern was injured in a December hiking accident; it was remarkable that she skied at all this season. And the team's hottest skier for much of the season, Nathaniel Bryan '92, didn't even make the trip to the NCAAs. Bryan, after some top early season finishes, suffered a groin pull; he qualified for the NCAAs, but could not compete there or at the Middlebury Winter Carnival Eastern championships.

At the Easterns, held at the College Snow Bowl, Middlebury was third in both the men's and women's competition, behind Vermont and Dartmouth. Nourjian was second in the women's giant slalom, with Andrea Sanford '92 fifth and Flood seventh. In the women's 15-k cross-country, Douglas was ninth and Barker tenth, with the three by 5-k relay of Douglas, Barker, and Oliver fourth. Stern was the top Middlebury finisher in the slalom in ninth. For the men, MacLeod placed eighth in the giant slalom, with Taylor 15th. Simon Shepherd '89 was ninth in the 15-k cross-country, with Beebe 12th, and the three by 7.5-k relay of Shepherd, Beebe, and Slaton was fourth. MacLeod was third and Taylor ninth in the slalom.

After two second place finishes the past two years, Rob MacLeod '89 (opposite page) finally won the 1989 NCAA slalom championship, held at Jackson Hole, Wyo. Photograph by Erik Borg.

BREAK·A·WAY

■ **Men's basketball closes with a rush:** With a record eight-straight wins to close the season, the men's basketball team registered its second consecutive winning campaign with a 13-10 mark. After last year's 13-9 season, the Panthers posted their first-back-to-back winning seasons in 11 years. Unbeaten during the entire month of February, Middlebury was the hottest Div. III team in New England. Among those eight straight wins, which tied a school record set in 1974-75, were upsets over Colby and Williams.

With the graduation of high-scoring John Humphrey '88 and with just one senior starter, the team started the season as a big question mark. A close 75-68 opening loss to Vermont suggested that the team had talent. But after two wins, five straight losses put the team in a big hole. The strong finish dug them out. "They learned how to work together as a team," said Coach Russell Reilly, "and they learned how to win."

Jeffrey Smith '91 led the team with 14.4 points per game, with Michael Baumann '92 close behind with 14.3 ppg and Patrick Torpey '89 with 10 ppg. Center Reid Smith '90 edged Bauman as the rebound leader with 146 rebounds to the freshman's 144. Co-capt. Michael Gill '90 was the assist leader with 87.

■ **Women's hockey strong again:** Sweeping its last two games, the Middlebury College women's hockey team finished the campaign with a 10-5 mark. One of those final wins was a 3-2 battle with Vermont at Nelson Arena.

With a veteran team, the Panthers opened their season rolling to seven straight wins. That streak came to an abrupt halt on a trip to Maine where Middlebury dropped a pair of games, including a 2-1 overtime heartbreaker to Colby. The team won two more before consecutive setbacks from Yale, Dartmouth, and St. Lawrence.

In the season finale with UVM, the team was determined to win its second of the year against its upstate neighbors. Jumping on a rebound of a shot, Cynthia White '89 scored her fifth goal of the season to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead. Vermont came back to tie the game early in the second period, but Marci Griffith '89 scored to put Middlebury back in the lead. Once again UVM tied it early in the final stanza. It appeared the game was headed for overtime, when Griffith, who was on a scoring streak in the final third of the season, drilled in the game winner with just 36 seconds left on the clock.

Goaltender Suzanne Black '89 also turned in a strong game for Middlebury, making 18 saves. For the season, Black made saves on 92 percent of opponents' shots.

Griffith completed her final season as the Panthers' leading scorer with 21 points on 13 goals and eight assists. Just behind her were Debbie Gow '90 with 20 points on 11 goals and nine assists and Capt. Samantha Chapin '89 with 17 points on seven goals and 10 assists.

■ **Men's hockey bounces back:** A young men's hockey team finished its season on a losing note, falling to Bowdoin 5-1. But that game was the opener of the ECAC East hockey playoffs, and it capped off a season of marked improvement.

It was the team's first post-season tourney in six years, and its 11-12-1 record was its best since 1983. The team also scored the most goals in a season since 1980 with 106 for an average 4.4 per game.

Despite having 11 freshmen on the squad at the start of the season, the Panthers took three of their first five games. A long holiday break seemed to hurt the team, however. After a tough January in which it lost five out of seven, the team came back to win five of its next six. But the team lost its last three regular season games to Williams, AIC, and Union. Then in the playoffs it ran into a Bowdoin team that had won 12 straight.

Goaltender Brent Truchon '92 is one big reason for the team's improvement. Against Bowdoin he stopped 37 shots. He closed out his first collegiate season with a record of 8-12-1, a save percentage of 88.7, and a goals allowed average of 3.65 per game.

Two more freshmen led the team in scoring. Kent Hughes '92 registered 34 points on 11 goals and 23 assists and Marc Alcindor '92 had 33 points on 20 goals and 13 assists. Thomas Humphreys '91 was third with 24 points on 10 goals and 14 assists.

The Panthers outscored the opposition 106-80 overall. With just five seniors graduating, the team should be strong again next year.

■ **Hoyt a squash All-American:** The women's squash team completed its schedule with a final mark of 7-9. But Victoria Hoyt '89 compiled a record of 14-1, earned All-American honors, and reached the quarter-finals at the National Singles Invitational Squash Rackets, to rank in the top ten nationally.

Highlights of the team season were wins over Bates, Bowdoin, and Amherst. A tough late season loss to Wellesley, 5-4, cost the team a .500 record.

■ **Swimmers splash to records:** Middlebury sent 11 women to the New England swimming championships and placed 13th overall out of 35 teams. In dual meets the team was 5-4, with a second-place finish at the Vermont state meet. At its New England Championships, the men's swim team—4-6 for the season—set five school records.

At the New Englands, Courtney Mather '92 had her season best in the 500 freestyle with 5:25.29, and Bryn Neubert '92 broke a school record in the 200 free with a time of 2:02.

Michelle Zagami '91, Lesley Jarvis '91, Virginia Allen '92, and Neubert placed 9th in the 200 medley relay in 2:00.98. Diver Patricia Mangold '91 placed 16th out of 50 in diving. The team's best performance was a record-shattering 800 freestyle relay by Mather, Allen, Neubert, and Kristine Bretall '89. They brought the standing 8:38 record down to 8:23.59.

For the men, Corey Davis '91, Matthew Leafstedt '91, John Myers '89, and Brian Duke '92 teamed up to best the 800 freestyle relay mark of 7:36.95 by 11.84 seconds. Leafstedt, Steven Cox '92, Michael Nelms '89, and Remy Levy '90 lowered the 200 medley relay to 1:43.25. And Lefstedt, Cox, Davis, and Myers set a new mark in the 400 medley, 3:54.50.In the 200 breastroke, Drew Lang '91 set a new mark—but he held it only until previous record holder Cox eclipsed it in the next heat.

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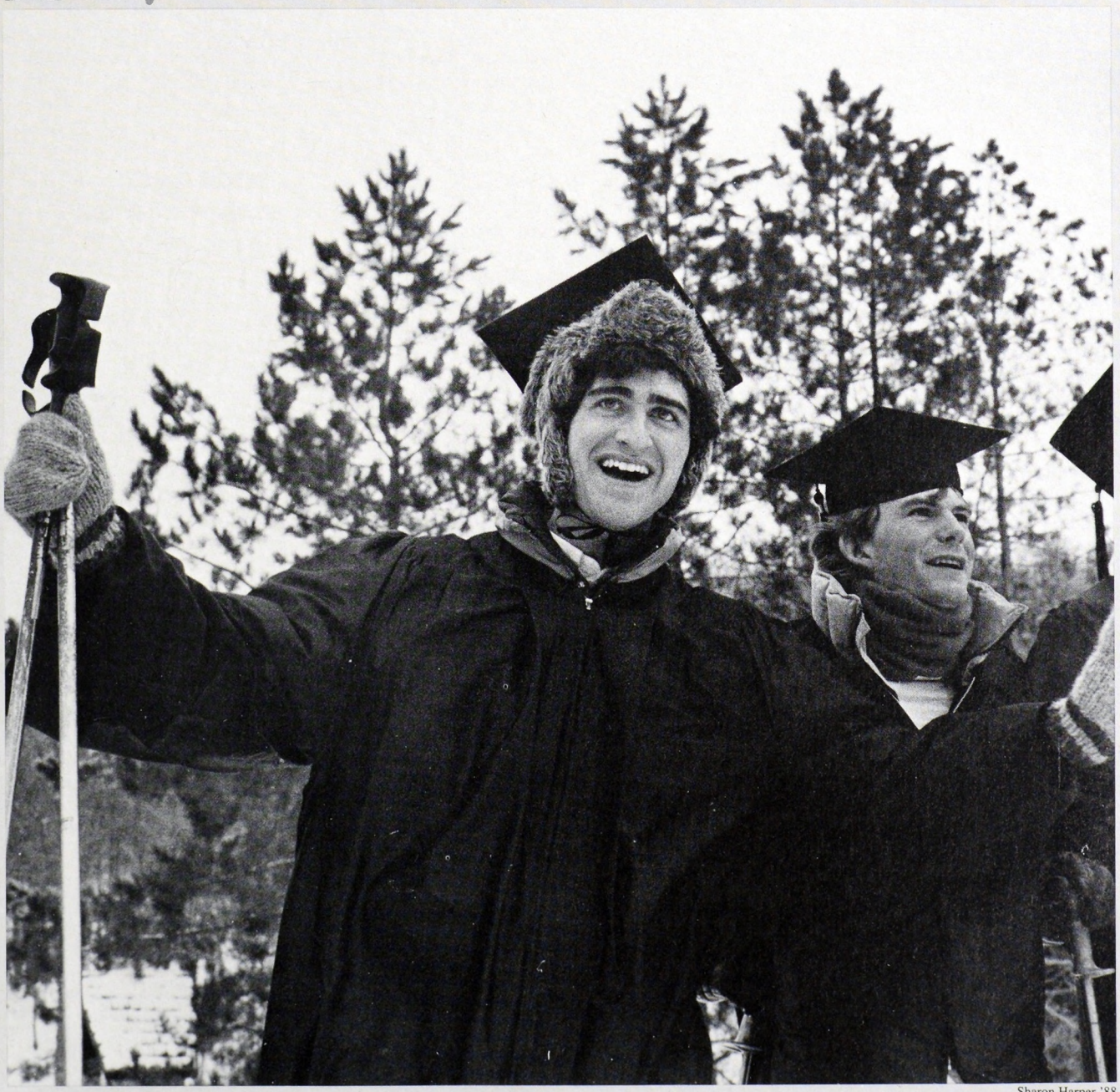


Sharon Harper '88

February graduates take to the slopes once again

MIDD UPDATE

Snow making saves Winter Weekend

While some alumni may have decided not to attend Winter Weekend because of the reported lack of snow, those who made the trip north were rewarded with outstanding skiing at the Snow Bowl. Manager Howard Kelton and the crew of skilled groomers at the Bowl worked wonders despite the snow drought, with artificial snow providing sufficient cover to keep six trails open during the weekend.

And while lack of snow forced the postponement of the Bread Loaf Cross Country Citizen's Race, alumni were still able to enjoy a few non-competitive turns on skinny skis at the Carroll and Jane Rikert Ski Touring Center.

Another Winter Weekend highlight: History Professor John Spencer lectured on "Kenya: 25 years after independence" on Saturday afternoon (you can read a version of that lecture in this magazine, page 20).

Chapter presidents huddle

One feature of Winter Weekend that may go unnoticed by the majority of returning alumni is the meeting of the Middlebury College Alumni Association's board of directors. This meeting included the MCAA's newest board members: the presidents of the several alumni chapters. They also met in a special session with Sage Russell '73, associate director of alumni relations in charge of the chapter program.

"It was just great to have some time to sit down as a group and talk things out," said Russell, after meeting with Churchill Franklin '71, Dan Jacobs '79, and Peter Steinle '62, presidents of chapters in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Hartford, Conn. The group focused attention on coordinating alumni event calendars in the various cities, sharing ideas, and budgeting for cost-effective, successful programming.

Previous page: The alumni office helped organize another mock graduation march at the Snow Bowl for February graduates and their families. Ronald Saltz '88 and Christopher Reed '88 skied down the Bowl wearing caps and gowns.

MCAA Board nominations

At its January meeting, the MCAA board nominated two people for five-year terms as alumni trustee: Patricia Sherlock Davidson '59, a 1986 recipient of Middlebury's Alumni Achievement Award, is professor of mathematics and computer science and director of the Critical and Creative Thinking Graduate Program at the University of Massachusetts. Churchill Franklin '71 is a senior vice president with Acadian Asset Management and the founding president of the Boston Middlebury Alumni Association.

Nominated to two-year positions on the MCAA board were Andrew Gluck '85, circulation manager for ESPN's *Sports* magazine, '85 class secretary and Young Alumni Representative on the Boston alumni chapter board; Pieter Schiller '60, a general partner in Advanced Technology Ventures and the head of the MiddNet program in Boston; Cynthia Bear '72, vice president and international credit analyst with Salomon Brothers in NYC, a former class agent, class secretary and alumni admissions committee chairperson; Lucy Garrity '83, a trading liaison for Investment Management Associates who has been active with the Rocky Mountain Middlebury Alumni Association since its founding; and Gladys Waltemade '73, an insurance representative with Massachusetts Mutual Life, who has served as a class agent, alumni admissions interviewer and reunion gift committee member at each of her class's reunions.

The board of trustees is the College's governing board. Each trustee sits on several committees of the board, which make policy recommendations to the full board for final decisions. The board meets on campus several times a year. The MCAA has responsibility for nominating the six alumni trustees, who serve staggered five-year terms.

The MCAA board, governing body of the Alumni Association, meets on campus three times annually. Board members serve in pairs as co-chairs for specific responsibility areas that cover the ways the College interacts with alumni: admissions, annual giving, class secretaries, MiddNet program, nominations for alumni trustee and MCAA director, and young alumni, as well as chapter presidents.

Official ballots, which include biographical information on each candidate, were mailed in March. The deadline for returning thecompleted ballot is April 1. For more information, contact the alumni office at (802) 388-3711, ext. 5183.

What ever happened to good old...

Lost the address of a Middlebury friend? The Alumni Office will be happy to supply you with the address of a fellow alumna or alumnus. Just call (802) 388-3711, ext. 5957 or 5171 during business hours.

If you need more than two addresses (in preparing wedding invitations, birth announcements, etc.) please send the list of names for which you need addresses to Alumni Records, Forest Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

If you do not wish your address to be given out to other alumni, please send your request to Alumni Records at the address above.

Chapter News

Boston: The largest crowd in the history of the event—nearly 200 alumni—enjoyed the annual holiday party at the Boston Center for Adult Education last December 13. The Class of '85 topped the guest list with 22 members.

FROM THE MCAA: Welcome graduate alumni

When you were a Middlebury student, did it ever occur to you that you shared your room with a Middlebury student whom you would probably never meet? This isn't a story about alumni ghosts, but rather a way of introducing undergraduate alumni to the 19,000 Language School alumni who have shared the Middlebury tradition for 74 summers—albeit without the snow.

In his history of the Language Schools, Director Emeritus Stephen Freeman writes that as the oldest continuous summer language program, the Middlebury Language Schools "have had many imitators, and some we might call disciples, which have come honestly to ask advice and guidance. Many have flourished for a time, and disappeared. There are now many, countrywide, more or less following the Middlebury pattern... None has the strength and depth of the Middlebury tradition... We now enroll pupils of former pupils, going back several 'academic' generations; and many actual children of former students."

Sound familiar? The eight Language Schools—in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic—have an alumni following as full of tradition as the undergraduate alumni (and don't forget the Bread Loaf School of English, a ninth graduate program).

All the Language Schools programs are built around the famous "pledge." A few days after their arrival in Middlebury, students sign an agreement to speak only in their foreign language whenever they are on the Middlebury campus, from that day forward. The Schools attempt to create, as much as possible, a sense of "cultural immersion," emphasizing music, theatre, films, cuisine, and art from the various language traditions, as well as language. Since 1973, there have been programs for language beginners, as well as for advanced students. In recent summers, more than a third of the 1,200 Language Schools students have been enrolled as master's degree students.

Always on the forefront of language education, the Language Schools programs and individual faculty members are currently making pioneering efforts to use computers and video in language instruction. And they are taking the lead, as well, in the development of "proficiency-based" language materials, which emphasize using actual foreign television programming, newspapers, menus, and train schedules in order to teach students to use language in "real-life" situations.

There are close ties between the College and the Language Schools programs—especially in terms of students and faculty. More than 2,000 Middlebury undergraduates have gone on to Language Schools enrollment; a summer of Language Schools instruction is often recommended to undergraduates preparing for their junior years abroad. The directors and faculty of the Schools, selected from top language specialists around the world, generally hold professional appointments in the graduate programs of major universities, but the deans are year-round Middlebury College faculty members.

Language Schools students also come from other colleges and graduate programs around the country—including many "area studies" specialists who need better language skills to do their work in the history, political science, or economics of other countries. Many Language Schools students are teachers seeking extra credits, an M.A. degree, or training in a second (or third) language. Still others are journalists, diplomats, business people with a need for language training. For example, David Remnick, Moscow bureau chief for the *Washington Post*, spent the summer before his 1987 posting at Middlebury's Russian School. The MCAA has recently honored three Language Schools graduates with the College's Alumni Achievement Award: Maxine Atkins Smith, M.A. '50, a teacher and civil rights activist in Tennessee; Michelle LaPautre, M.A. '54, a literary agent in Paris, and Brig. Gen. Fred Gorden, M.A. '69, commandant of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

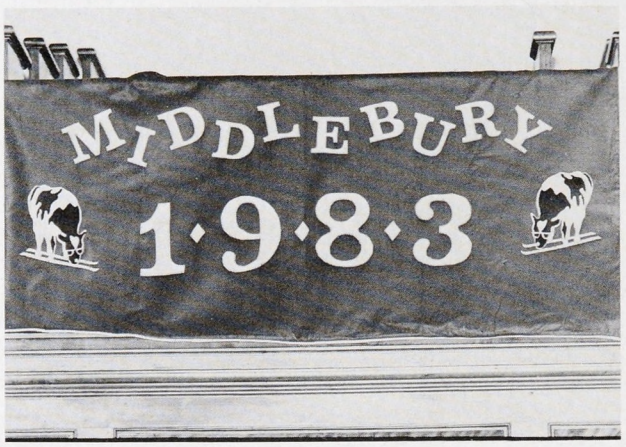
Over the last four years, a special effort called the "Partnership" has been organized to develop connections between the large network of teachers who have passed through the Language Schools—and the Bread Loaf School of English, as well. Teachers, of course, are well-placed to help the admissions office spread the Middlebury "word." Over 450 teachers in the U.S. and abroad now work with the admissions office to identify outstanding students and encourage them to apply to Middlebury as undergraduates. Language Schools alumni who have not yet joined this effort are welcome—and encouraged—to do so by contacting Herbert Dalton in the admissions office, (802)388-3711 ext. 5153.

Making a place for Language Schools alumni in the Middlebury College Alumni Association has sometimes been a difficult task. Language Schools alumni often maintain strong ties to their particular language program, through groups such as the alumni association of the Italian School (AMISA), which holds annual summer meetings on campus. But general reunions for all Language Schools alumni on the Middlebury campus are technically impossible because 1) the language pledge holds after graduation and many alumni keep it religiously, and 2) there is no space on campus during the summer when the Schools are in session. Each spring, however, Middlebury plays host to a reception at the annual Northeast Conference on Foreign Language Teaching in New York City.

And in the regional MCAA chapters that are being organized around the country, efforts are being made to recruit "graduate alumni" representatives for the chapter boards. Their task will be to make sure graduate alumni know they are welcome at general alumni gatherings, but also, it is hoped, to develop programming aimed specifically at graduate alumni.

If you're a graduate alumna or alumnus and you have more questions about the College's alumni programs, you can contact the College's alumni office, (802)388-3711 ext. 5183. But to all graduate alumni, we want to make it clear that you're invited to all alumni events—and we want to say: *Bienvenue. Bienvenido. Willkommen. Huanying nimen lai. Yoku irasshaimashita* (fill in your language). *—Dorrie Landry Bonner '59, communications co-chair, MCAA*

ALUMNI CALENDAR



April 1 Hofstra, NY—Lacrosse Reception
3-4 Chicago Phonathon
5-6 San Francisco Phonathon
6 West Point Reception
10-11 New York Phonathon
12 Hartford Phonathon
13 Boston Alumni Clubs Comedy Night
17-18 Philadelphia Phonathon
19-20 Washington, D.C., Phonathon
20 Cape Cod Lecture/Dinner
23 Indianapolis—Reception with C. Scott
23 Middlebury—Vermont Brunch
24-25-26 Boston Phonathon
25 St. Louis—Reception with C. Scott
26 Milwaukee—Reception with C. Scott
27 Hartford—Business Symposium with Williams & Wesleyan
28 Minneapolis—Reception with C. Scott
29 Boston—Lacrosse Reception at Tufts
30 Boston—Big Apple Circus

May 5 Fairfield County Dinner with Dean Karl Lindholm '67
12-13 Cape Cod—Alumni Golf Tournament
18 Boston—Reception with Woody Jackson '70
28 Middlebury—Commencement

June 2-4 Middlebury—Reunion
5-9 Middlebury—Spring Alumni College

August 30 Bread Loaf Alumni College

September 8 G.C. Perine Golf Tournament

October 6-8 Homecoming Weekend

For more information about these and other events, call the Alumni Relations Office, (802)388-3711 ext. 5183.

Making the trek down from Middlebury were three intrepid members of the history department, Travis Jacobs, John McCardell, and John Spencer. ... The BMAA has an active spring schedule, including a reception at the Middlebury-Tufts lacrosse game in Medford on April 29, a block of tickets for the Big Apple Circus at the Children's Museum on the following night, and a reception and gallery showing at the Bank of Boston on May 18, featuring the work of noted Vermont artist Woody Jackson '70.

Hartford: Last December 2, the chapter held a holiday party for its younger members, classes of 1983 through 1988, at the University Club. At this first event co-sponsored with alumni from Williams and Wesleyan, Middlebury accounted for the largest and most enthusiastic contingent among the three schools: nearly half of the 60 young alums in attendance. Plans are in the works for future events co-sponsored by the three schools, including a "Business Symposium" on April 27.

Midd-Vermont: For the second year in a row, the chapter held a holiday reception at the Kirk Alumni Center, scheduled to coincide with the College's traditional Service of Lessons and Carols. The December 11 event was enjoyed by about 50 alumni and their families, who were treated to seasonal musical selections by pianist Dick Forman of the Theatre Department. A food drive was held in conjunction with the event, and three boxes of food were collected for the Addison County Food Shelf. ...The MVtAA spring calendar includes an April 23 post-chapel brunch at the alumni center. ...Turning over the reins of the chapter presidency on January 1, 1989, founding president John Myhre '78 was succeeded by Rick Greene '75, a charter member of the chapter board.

Philadelphia: Middlebury has recently become a member of URECA (Union of Recent Eastern College Alumni), a consortium of 26 university and college alumni groups, which sponsors recreational, social, and cultural events for young alumni of member schools who live in the Philadelphia area. In December, Midd alums from the last 20 classes were invited to URECA-sponsored holiday parties. If you'd like to learn more about URECA, call Middlebury's liaison with the organization, Robyn Stone '81, at (215) 928-0507. ...A mid-winter potluck supper was enjoyed by 16 alumnae on January 11 at the home of Nancy Thomsen "Tee" Rand '52.

Rocky Mountain: The RMMAA's third annual holiday reception for alumni, parents, students and prospective students was held December 22 at the Denver Athletic Club. On January 6 and 7, the chapter sponsored receptions after the two Middlebury vs. Air Force Academy hockey games...The RMMAA annual dinner on March 6 at the Wellshire Inn featured the geography department team of Bob Churchill and Ron Liebowitz as guest speakers.

Washington, D.C.: The chapter continues one of the most successful and long-running shows in town: Midd-Week Midd-Evenings, informal Wednesday night gatherings for young alumni. ...The chapter's annual reception, on March 16, featured guest speaker Ron Brown '62, a trustee of the College and the new chairman of the Democratic Party.

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FAMILIES

MARRIAGES

Mary Taylor Danforth and **Thomas H. Stillman** '74, September 10, 1988.

Sharon McCarthy and **Jim Ware** '74, October 10, 1987; 90 East Bare Mill Road, Harvard, MA 01450.

Alison Miller and **Rick Goldstein** '76, September 1988; 4553A 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Suzanna Sherry '76 and Paul Edelmann, July 6, 1988; 2844 Sunset Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416.

Wendy King '78 and Fred Bellows, April 12, 1987; 438 W. Horseshoe Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234.

Elizabeth E. Tayntor '78 and John Robert Gowell, Jr., November 5, 1988; 8 Rockwood Heights Road, Manchester, MA 01944.

Judith Russ '79 and Robert Habasevich, October 1, 1988; 655 Lindley Road, Glenside, PA 19038.

Sandra Kunhardt '79 and Frank Basile, June 4, 1988; 420 E. 70 st., #4A, New York, NY 10021.

Sharon Sullivan and **Tom Snitzer** '79, October 16, 1988; 737 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60610.

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Allegra diBonaventura '83 and Andrew Hogan, October 1988; P.O. Box 651, Greenwich, CT 06836.

Karey Dubiel '83 and Phillip B. Dye, Jr., October 29, 1988; 1601 S. Shepherd, #264, Houston, TX 77019.

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Pamela Kurtz '84 and Christopher Welch, September 24, 1988; 312 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

Elizabeth Triplett and **Don Blakelock**, both '84, September 17, 1988; 67 Hilltop Drive, West Hartford, CT 06107.

Cecil Barron and **Paul Jensen**, both '85, October 1, 1988; 129 Pembroke St., Boston, MA 02118.

Jennifer Gibson '85 and **John Lewis** '83, September 4, 1988; 170 6th Ave., #4, San Francisco, CA 94118.

Margaret Harding and **John Owen**, both '85, September 17, 1988; 164 State St., Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Julie Hennessey '85 and John Niland, June 25, 1988; American Embassy-Paris, Consular Section, APO New York 09777.

Jan Small '85 and Jeff Pollock, October 16, 1988.

Karen Southard '85 and Christopher Nevin, June 25, 1988; 33 Valley Road, Milton, MA 02186.

Carole Stallone '85 and Brian Patrick Farley, April 23, 1988; 695 Park Ave., #7, Albany, NY 12208.

Melissa Wheeler and **Reeve Waud**, both '85, August 20, 1988; 1515 Hinman Ave., #2E, Evanston, IL 60201.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Celeste J. Dunbar (M.A. Spanish '87) and Jose Martin-Serrano, December 12, 1987; P.O. Box 414, Poland, NY 13431.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Ashwin Alexander Coors Atre, joined **May Coors** '70 and Sharad Atre on November 6, 1987.

A daughter, Elizabeth Crawford Sutcliffe, joined Roger and **Nancy Crawford Sutcliffe** '70 on June 27, 1988.

Twins, Charles Cashman Trexler and Susan Cashman Trexler, joined **Pat Cashman** '72 and Jim Trexler on October 26. 1988.

A daughter, Rebecca Bosworth-Clemens, joined Barbara Bosworth and **Timothy Clemens** '73 on December 10, 1988.

A son, Jesse, joined **Lesley Cadman** '73 and Jim Catalano on October 1, 1988.

A son, Kai Massey Thaler, joined **Karen Massey** '74 and Jeffrey Thaler on December 23, 1987.

A son, David Barnes Peatling, joined **Jane Peatling** '74 and Marlin Barnes on April 14, 1988.

A son, Ian Briggs Erly, joined **Heather Briggs** '75 and Peter Erly on January 14, 1989.

A daughter, Heather Leigh Soleau, joined **Jeffrey** (German '73) and **Louisa Browne Soleau** '75 on October 22, 1988.

A daughter, Lucy Brosius, joined Charles and **Jill Cowperthwaite Jones** '76 on August 20, 1988.

A daughter, Hilary Adams, joined **Peter** '76 and **Susan Patterson Nichols** '78 on June 15, 1988.

A daughter, Rebecca Claire, joined Annie and **Steve Rodgers** '76 on September 13, 1988.

A daughter, Rachel, joined Lisa and **Jim Goulet** '77 in May 1988.

A son, Elias Brennan, joined Thomas and **Margaret Gross Howard** '77 on February 10, 1988.

A daughter, Regina, joined Fred and **Wendy King Bellows** '78 on March 30, 1988.

A daughter, Dana, joined Roger and **Deborah Fish Butler** '79 on July 25, 1988.

A daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, joined **Randy** '80 and **Mary MacKenzie Corke** '79 on April 4, 1988.

A son, Alexander Bennet Samson, joined Ed and **Terri Dumas-Samson** '79 on February 27, 1988.

A daughter, Hallett Tiffany, joined Bill and **Tiffany Nourse Sargent** '79 on September 26, 1988.

A daughter, Emma Weese Drucker, joined **Harry** and **Elizabeth Stolley Drucker**, both '80, on September 19, 1988.

A daughter, Julia Beatrice Partington, joined Mary and **Bart Partington** '80 on June 21, 1988.

A son, Eric Marsh Moran, joined Michael and **Carol Miller Moran** '81 on January 14, 1989.

A daughter, Madison Anne, joined **Frank** '83 and **Sue Meier Burke** '82 on October 10, 1988.

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A daughter, Lauren Nicole, joined Howard and **Gail Weisberg Slater** (M.A. French '73) on December 27, 1988.

A daughter, Rebecca Joanne Beeson, joined **Jory Hingson** (M.A. Spanish '76) and Phil Beeson on July 22, 1988.

Former Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott found herself the guest of honor at a retirement surprise party in April 1988 and there were lots of babies in attendance. The grown-ups included (from left, back row) Paula Daukas '76, Jack Henderson '76, Jennifer Cogswell '76, Stephie Cole Nelson '75, (front row) Edie MacAusland Mabrey '76, Sue Henderson, Cindy Wright '72, Robin Wonnacott Davis '76, Erica, Enid Wonnacott, Chris Groves, and Martha Fernald Groves '77.

SPORTS NOTES

From the opening kick-off, through the mid-course flip turn, to the final baton pass, *Sports Notes* brings you news of Middlebury's 23 varsity athletic teams. Weekly during the fall and bi-weekly through the winter and spring seasons, *Sports Notes* is a multi-page newsletter that features results, plus notes about the next week's games and matches. Special preseason editions tell you what to look forward to before Middlebury's teams go into action.

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THE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Nancy J. Davis (M.A. '69), who completed a doctorate in psychology at Harvard after her Bread Loaf degree, recently co-authored a psychology textbook, *Human Development, A Lifespan Approach*, published by West Publishing Company. She writes, "Bread Loaf was such a powerful experience for me that it continues to permeate my way of being in the world and greatly enriches my clinical work and my writing." ...**Knute Skinner** (M.A. '54) has published his seventh book of poetry, *Learning to Spell "Zucchini."* His book was published in Ireland and is being distributed in the U.S. by Signpost Press. Skinner has returned to his teaching post at Western Washington University after spending six months in Ireland writing a new book. ...**Charles McDonnell** (M.A. '87) had several items published in the Fall 1988 issue of *Prairie Winds*, including an article, "How Do We Get Students to Write Well?" and three poems, "Blue Buffalo," "Cruising," and "Pre-Dug Graves." In addition, the magazine's "Secondary Section" featured 12 poems by McDonnell's students at Platte High School in Platte, S.D.

FRENCH

Captain **Paul W. Gery** (M.A. '77) is in his fourth year as assistant professor of French and German at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. ...**Charles M. Carlton** (M.A. '51) earned his Ph.D. in Romance linguistics at the University of Michigan in 1963, returning to Middlebury along the way for a summer in the Russian School (1953) and a summer in the Spanish School (1959). After teaching stints at Michigan State University and Missouri University, he settled in at the University of Rochester, where he has been teaching for 24 years. His interests include Vulgar Latin and Romanian. Fulbright study and teaching fellowships have taken him to France and Brazil and five times to Romania. At Middlebury, he writes, "I was exposed beyond any doubt to the finest language instruction I was ever to experience."

GERMAN

Paul Jagasich (M.A, '83) has fulfilled his dream of swimming the English Channel, breaking the record for his age group (50 and older) with a time of 12 hours and 26 minutes. Jagasich teaches at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia. His training for the Channel swim included swimming around Manhattan Island and across the Chesapeake Bay. He plans to publish a book about his accomplishment, *The Two Faces of the English Channel: The Untold Story.*

SPANISH

James Willis Robb (M.A. '50), Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages, George Washington University, presented a paper, "La Nueva Novelistica de Fernando Gonzalez," at the 5th Annual Congress of the International Association of Colombianists, in the historical city of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in August 1988. In June 1988 he met with German Arciniegas, Colombian essayist and president of the Colombian Academy of History. A recently published volume on Arcinieagas includes Professor Robb's article, "Variedades des ensayismo en German Arciniegas." ...**Margrajean Black-Bonilla** (M.A. '60) is the specialist for the English as a Second Language program for the Fullerton Union High School District Alternative and Continuing Education Program. She recently received her Language Development Specialist certificate from the Commission of California Teacher Credentialing. ...Rebecca Joanne Beeson was born on July 22, 1988, to **Jory Hingson** (M.A. '76) and her husband, Phil Beeson. In addition to mothering, Jory has a law practice in Fairfax County, Va., specializing in child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency. She is also director of a Christian ministry to troubled youths and she uses her Spanish skills to interpret, on request, for the Juvenile Court. She represents many Hispanics, "thanks to the excellent education I received at Middlebury." ...The DML dissertation of **John S. Donahue** (DML '82) has been published as *Don Segundo Sombra y El Virginiano: gaucho y cowboy.*

Writers' Conference

Richard Weeder ('83) has given up his career as a surgeon to turn to writing. His first book, *Surgeon*, was published in June 1988. Through the 15 stories in the book, Dr. Weeder hopes to give his readers a better sense of the doctor-patient relationship. He credits the Writers' Conference with stimulating him to consider a career in writing.

OBITUARIES

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MILDRED S. HELMICH (M.A. Spanish), 86, of Webster Groves, Mo., on December 3, 1987. A graduate of Washington University, she taught Spanish in the St. Louis schools until her marriage to a fellow teacher. She was active in her community through the Webster Gardens Civic Club, of which she was a past president.

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VIOLA C. ROSSO (M.A. French), of Paoli, Pa., on August 26, 1988.

1938

MARY R. SEROCCA (M.A. French), of Kaneohe, Hawaii, on October 18, 1988. For many years she taught French in Shenandoah and Radnor, Pa., beforeretiring to Hawaii.

1956

NARINDER S. SALUJA (French), of Bangkok, Thailand, on September 21, 1988.

1965

RUSSELL B. EVERETT (French M.A.), 61, of Coopersburg, Pa., on December 31, 1987. A graduate of Muhlenberg College, he taught French in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, serving as professor of French at East Stroudsburg University for 22 years until his retirement in 1987. He was active in the American Association of Teachers of French and in the Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Faculty.

THE CLASSES

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Class Secretary: *Miss Ruth A. Hesselgrave, c/o Mrs. Polly U. Kahler, 2805 SW 14th St., Ocala, FL 32674.*

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Julius Kroeck (Elsa Holmstrom), 376 Central St., Acton, MA 01720.*

I was glad to receive a letter from **Joan Begiebing Klenck** who has moved from her apartment of many years to a new senior citizen complex in a neighboring county. Her new address is Centerbridge, Apt. #106, 491 Shasta Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Last May, she enjoyed an annual trip to Vermont with her daughter, Marguerite, from El Paso, Texas, and her daughter, Dorothy, who lives quite near her. They stopped in Providence to visit her youngest daughter, Roberta. Dorothy comes to Joan's each Saturday and they go out for lunch and do the marketing for the week.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Allen C. Clifford (Catherine Robbins), 15 Carver St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

As I received no news from my classmates I will try to supply some. Our daughter, Elizabeth Clifford Paquette, is working at the admissions office at Middlebury where she worked a few years ago. She takes phone calls from all over the world—South America, China, India, Europe, Japan, Alaska, and many other places. The individuals at the other end of the line speak English but Elizabeth often has to concentrate to understand the request or message. Middlebury's reputation is sure getting about. My husband, Allen Clifford, entered Rutland hospital in April where he remained four weeks. Since then he has been in McKerley Health Center trying to win back his health. I'm sure we have all slowed down a bit, but it would be nice for our classmates to learn how you are spending the days and what interests you have. Maybe traveling, writing your memoirs, enjoying music and opera, reading, and knitting or whatever. We'd all love to hear from you.

24 Reunion '89

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Reginald M. Savage (Dorothy Taylor), 118 Tiffany Road, Norwell, MA 02061.*

The family gathering for **Cecil Simmon**'s 85th birthday—November 13, 1988—included a new great-grandson, three weeks old. Simmy said the baby's behavior was so good on that occasion that they decided they would keep him. Another great-grandchild, Amy, is graduating from college in 1989. ...The sympathy of the class is extended to **Carolyn Griffith Tarbell** on the death of her husband, Ken, in Schenectady, New York. ...The family of **Amy Hunt Meek** all spent Thanksgiving in the old home in Kennebunk, Maine, as has been their custom for many years. Amy reported a very happy occasion and the opportunity of getting the last of the leaves raked from around the home. The Meek family gathering for Christmas was to be in Boston and vicinity. ...With a residence in Buffalo, Wyoming, about 250 miles from Yellowstone Park, **Elizabeth Gordon Lambert** was much closer than most of us to the disastrous forest fires that plagued the mountain states last summer. Her letter of September 15, 1988, describes the disaster as follows: "Even our beautiful Big Horns, over which you and Sas traveled that October night, have had their share of fires. Most of them have been caused by dry lightning, some by unextinguished camp fires. The hot, dry wind has whipped up the flames. The West has been very short of rainfall so that our forests have been a regular tinderbox. The smoke and even particles of burning trees have reached clear to southern Wyoming, and the smoke, which has caused watery eyes and a lot of sinus problems, extended as far south as Denver. The Yellowstone Park fires are a great tragedy. The Forest Service and national authorities did not reckon on the constant high winds, lack of rain, and drought conditions, so let the fires burn until there was no stopping them. Some of the winds were as high as 60 miles per hour. It may take at least ten years for the forests to recover some of their natural beauty. Ecologists talk of its helping the animals. A bear was discovered lying on its side because it could no longer walk. The pads of its feet were burned to the bone, so it had to be shot. There is no knowing how many animals were destroyed or how many will starve next winter because of lack of food. A Wyoming group is

High notes

Paris Fletcher '24 was honored in October by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society with its Parker Trowbridge Founders Award. A former trustee—now overseer—of Middlebury College and an active supporter of community organizations and projects around his home town of Worcester, Fletcher's service to the Easter Seal Society dates to 1944. A letter from President Ronald Reagan written for the occasion says, "The vision and leadership you've displayed have shown what caring people, working together, can accomplish for their neighbors."

Fred Whittemore '28 writes of the night the lights went out in the Midd gym. The famous flood of 1927 blacked out the campus and threatened a Saturday-night social event: "No lights, no dance," said Dean Ross, but President Moody came to the rescue... and a good time was had by all, except perhaps Dean Ross.

Dick Allen '33 has been honored for his many years of service to the town of Framingham, Massachusetts. Town moderator from 1978 to 1988, he has worked with the local schools, hospital, Red Cross chapter, YMCA, choral society—and he's still found time for tennis.

Cay Branch Frasure '37 joined a group of Ohio farmers on a 1988 agricultural mission to Russia, where they visted collective farms in the Ukraine and Moldavia regions.

Evelyn Wheeler Stagg '39 has been re-elected to the Vermont legislature, where she heads the education committee in the House.

Jane Botsford Armstrong '43 received the bronze medal at the National Sculpture Society's 1988 annual open exhibition in New York City. Last summer, a major retrospective of her work was held at Saint Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H.

Mary Nasmith Means '46 and members of her family took the road to Shanghai last summer—revisiting scenes from the days when her father was a missionary in 1930s China: "It was exciting to start to remember the local Shaoxing dialect after 51 years!"

Richard Champlin '50 has been promoted to director of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, the country's oldest continuously-used library. He joined the staff of the Newport, R.I., library in 1951.

Ten "Weybridge Witches" from the Class of 1957 met for a mini-reunion in late 1988. They chose an appropriate month—October—and an appropriate setting—a B&B right next door to the Salem (MA) Witch Museum.

Sophia Healy '61's first novel, *Lone Stars*, will be published this spring. In the fall of 1988, the Public Broadcasting Service aired a dance piece, choreographed by Wendy Perron, for which Healy wrote the text.

Ron Brown '62 was elected chair of the Democractic National Committee.

Glenn Govertsen '66 last year received the Presidential Award for excellence in teaching mathematics and science. Govertsen, a teacher at Sentinel High School in Missoula, MT, was one of 50 teachers nationwide to be honored at a White House ceremony.

Dan Curry '68 designs and creates visual effects for the motion picture industry. His current project: the TV show, "Star Trek—the Next Generation."

Frank Pallone '73 has been sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Pallone is a Democrat representing New Jersey's 3rd congressional district.

Meredith Parsons '75 returned to campus in January to sing the roles of the stepmother and witch in a Middlebury College and Brattleboro Opera Theatre production of *Hansel and Gretel.*

Pat Durkin '79 was one of the people behind the Brady Commission's 1988 report on how and why Black Monday occurred—and how to prevent a similar crash. As a member of the committee's executive staff, Durkin helped write and produce the report on the October 19, 1988 market crash.

David Spaidal '84, undefeated as a triathlete for two years, was named to *Triathalon Today*'s All-American Canoe Triathlete Team. Last year at this time, Spaidal won his first national cross-country ski title at the Suburu-USSA Cross-Country Championships.

Dorcas Denhartog '87 and **Wendy Reeves '86** in January were named to the U.S. national team for the 1989 FIS World Nordic Ski Championships. It was to be the first world championships for both; as a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team, Denhartog placed 23rd in the 20-kilometer race at Calgary.

trying to get the government to provide feed for the animals so that their numbers will not be cut down too much. It is a pity that many school children for years to come will miss seeing the natural beauty of Yellowstone Park as it used to be. The fires in the Big Horns, which are only three miles from Buffalo, have burned for nearly three weeks. Each night the setting sun has a red glow reflected from the forest fires, and by day clouds of smoke have been rising up on the horizon. Just recently there has been a cold wave with some snow at higher elevations turning to rain in the daytime, which has brought some improvement in Yellowstone, too, so that the cleanup work has been started. Thousands of firefighters from all over the country and Canada are still working to contain the larger fires, and protect three of the towns that were seriously threatened, requiring the evacuation of their residents. One could go on and on about all the loss and problems involved by the disaster especially at Yellowstone. Fifty-seven percent of the Park has been burned and 1.2 million acres in all have been destroyed." ...It is with regret that we report the death of Dr. **Donald F. Weekes** on February 2, 1988, in Wilmington, Ohio. Donald and his wife, Helen, attended our 60th Reunion. The sympathy of the class is extended to his widow. ...The placid life of the residents of Jackson, N.H.—including **Sam Botsford**—was suddenly upset by the arrest of a prominent real estate developer accused of masterminding an international marijuana smuggling network. As a neighbor of the accused, Sam was interviewed by a reporter from the *Manchester Union Leader*. The arrest came as a great surprise to many Jackson residents, but Sam assured the reporter that he didn't share their surprise because his observations of the accused had led him to believe that the man's activities made little or no sense. He would start various projects, complete none, and use weird judgment in the selection of these projects. Sam said that this newspaper interview was his first and would probably be his last! ...**Jessie Bennett Veit** of St. Petersburg, Fla., planned a summer vacation in Vermont, but it had to be canceled in early June 1988 after an unfortunate fall in which she sustained severe injuries to her face and left hand, plus a fractured wrist. Spunky Jessie then decided to make this visit in early October when she could enjoy the autumn foliage, but again she was prevented from going by an illness. She then set her sights on getting to Vermont in lilac time to attend 1924's 65th Reunion. Despite the two above interruptions, Jessie enjoys life at Sunny Shores in St. Petersburg, and is quite occupied with discussion groups, bridge, and other games, volunteer work, a choral group, and many one-day outings, including mini-cruises on Florida's inland waterways. ...In the middle of September, **Reg** and **Dot Taylor Savage** were driven by relatives to Newport, Vt., for vacation, with the primary purpose of attending a family reunion on the occasion of the 66th wedding anniversary of Reg's sister and her husband. While visiting them at their home on beautiful Lake Memphremagog, Dot had the misfortune to fall and fracture her left hip and shoulder. Two weeks in the Newport Hospital was followed by an exciting 250-mile ambulance trip for Reg and Dot to the Braintree, Mass., Hospital. After four weeks of intensive rehabilitation there, Dot returned to her home in Norwell, Mass., where she is making steady progress toward complete recovery. We are hoping that Dot's recovery is such that it will permit our attendance at the 65th Reunion of our class this spring. We want to be there to greet **Jessie Veit** and many other classmates for a great weekend at our favorite campus.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald D. Fredrickson (Dorothy Johnson) 199 Central Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, and Donald R. Banks, Rudd Pond Road, Millerton, NY 12546.*

We are sorry to report that **Dot Tillapaugh Headley** experienced a bad fall recently and broke a wrist. Our latest report indicates it was healing nicely, but was still in a cast. In spite of the handicap, Dot visited her son and family in Michigan. While there she contacted **Helen Newton Ehlert** who was planning a trip to the northern part of the state to enjoy the colorful foliage which rivals—so they say—New England's annual display. ...**Don Banks** says that his Dot is doing as well as can be expected. Her continuing dizzy spells necessitate use of a walker at all times. Don states that her fighting spirit is an inspiration. A cataract operation for each eye is expected soon and, when completed, should allow her to return to reading and to her favorite sport of solving crossword puzzles again. She is fed up with watching TV, but surely enjoys visits from her many friends. ...In the autumn issue of *Middlebury Magazine* we reported a bad fall had been experienced by **Dot Johnson Fredrickson**, resulting in a broken foot and sprained ankle. Dot reports steady progress, but still has to use a walker to get about. In spite of this handicap, she did not hesitate to arrange for a family get-together for Thanksgiving Day. A total of 28 family members, relatives, and friends, gathered for a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Included were Dot's three sons—Peter (Rochester '51), Don (Midd '54), and Bob (Midd '61)—and their families, plus Dot's sister, Eleanor Johnson, and an exchange student from Holland. During the arrangements, Dot was given explicit orders by the women members of her family that she was to sit back, give orders, and enjoy the event. What a great family! ...A nice letter from **Helen Duntz Schmeichel** indicates that she is as well as can be expected at our age. She was leaving her home in Cohoes, N.Y., for Arizona, with plans to return in March. We hope you missed the snow and cold weather, Helen. Attached to her letter was a short history of her family connections with Middlebury and the strong feelings for the College they all have. She writes of her own graduation in 1925: "The memories of those years linger on. When our son, Calvin, was selecting a college to attend after his graduation from high school, we were delighted when he asked for an interview at Middlebury, and who do you guess interviewed him? None other than Gordie Perine '49. At the end of the interview Gordie asked, 'How did I do, Calvin?' There was no immediate reply from Calvin, but he attended Middlebury and graduated in the Class of '60. Good job, Gordie. Calvin and his wife, Christina, now reside in Pelham, N.Y., where Calvin teaches physics in Pelham High School. Christina is a secretary in the same school system. Then my niece, Ann Schmeichel, appears at Middlebury and graduates in the Class of '69. After graduation she went to Spain, married, and lives in Madrid with her husband and two children. My two grandchildren are graduates of Middlebury; Lisa graduated in the Class of '85 and Karen in the Class of '88. Lisa married Louis Crocker, Class of '83. Both Lisa and Lou will receive their Ph.D. degrees at Yale in 1989. They plan to go to Edmonton, Canada, for their post-doctorate degree this coming year. Karen Schmeichel '88 spent part of her summer touring the Untied States. She is now at the Ft. Alton Jones Center, Lake Placid, N.Y. She finds her research work there very challenging and exciting. She lives in our family home at Saranac Lake, N.Y. After attending Parents Weekends for the past six years I missed going back this fall, but I feel very fortunate to have had so many return trips to my alma mater." We thank you, Helen, for the run-down on your interesting family and loyalty to Middlebury. You are to be envied.

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Class Secretary: *Elizabeth Goodale Murray, P.O. Box 354, Captiva Island, FL 33924.*

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Class Secretary: *Howard Cutler, Indian Chase Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.*

Writing on November 25, **Eva Menotti Fitzgerald** comments, "It seems a little incongruous to be thinking in terms of spring when the leaves have just about been all raked up and taken away and thoughts of pumpkin pie and all those goodies are paramount in our minds. I have nothing of any importance to report, however, and I just want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas." ...**Edna Graham Hinds** enjoyed a week last July at the summer home of **Helen Whipple Glendenning**'s daughter and family at Lake Mascoma, N.H. During the same month she spent a weekend at a friend's home in Laurens, N.Y., where she acted as interpreter for her cousins from Paris. "I was glad," wrote Edna," to have that chance to use my French and to enjoy their company." She planned to leave on December 14 for Christmas at her cousin's home in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she usually stays until the end of March. ...**F. Wallace (Wally) Patch** wrote from the residential care home in Rutland, Vt., that his wife, Fran (Baldwin '28), continues to have worsening health due to Parkinson's disease. "My main job these days involves staying close enough to provide miscellaneous needs and, hopefully, to prevent more falls. Hence no 'comings and goings,' few 'ups and downs,' and nearly all 'work and no play.' However we are now seriously considering one major change—a move from here to a nursing home back in Framingham, Mass., where we spent the first 54 years of our 60-year marriage. If or when that happens, I'll give you our new address. Cheerio, and best wishes." ...**Katie Roberts** writes, "The last week in September my sister and I took a senior citizens bus tour to the Finger Lake area of New York State. We stayed at the Holiday Inn in Auburn and took trips from there. We went to Niagara Falls where we rode on the *Maid of the Mist* and had dinner in the revolving restaurant at the top of the Skylon Tower. We also had trips to Watkins Glen and to the Corning Glass Museum and a visit to a winery. We visited the Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion, and also the Rose Hill Mansion in Geneva. Before we left Auburn we visited the historic Seward House. We hope to spend Christmas, as usual, with my brother's family in Bethesda, Md." ...**Rhoda Southall** wrote, at the end of November, "We have enjoyed a beautiful fall which was enhanced by the visits of many friends who brought lunch with them. *Who could ask for anything more?* We (she and her companion, Elaine) provided the dessert, specialite de la maison, raspberry shortcake, made with our own raspberries from our garden. Now that winter is almost upon us we have our bird feeders filled and suet hanging on the trees. With my new Nikon camera I am trying to capture downy woodpeckers busy on the suet." Spencertown (where she and Elaine live) has been "all caught up in sponsoring a Gaia Concert to benefit

the Spencertown Academy, now designated a National Historical Monument. Built in 1847 it was used continuously as a schoolhouse until the early 1960s. Elaine and I have been invited to become Patrons for this fund-raiser for building repair and reduction of deficit." Rhoda enclosed one of their 1988 Christmas cards—a lovely scene of a brick, snow-covered cottage, which I assume to be their home, though she didn't so identify it. ...**Ruth Howland Merriam** writes, "After all these years owning my own home, I have sold it and moved to a retirement complex." Her new address is 1 Lyman St., #440, Westborough, MA 01581. ...**Edith Markwell Hawley** wrote in early December, "Really no news. No trips, except to eastern Washington in September to get gorgeous golden delicious apples at the orchard. All well here. Active in church and Republican Party headquarters—we were on the winning side! Enjoying our usual mild weather—roses still blooming." ...**Julia B. Austin**, bemoaning her belated reply to my request for news, wrote in December that in the past two weeks she had enjoyed telephone conversations with "Lisbo," Rachel, and Gunny. Concerning them and herself she continued, "We are all afflicted with eye problems of one sort or another. I am sporting a frosted left lens which makes me look more like a freak than ever." Last August she went to the Tri State Alumnae meeting in Middlebury, "taking Amy Goodell '22 and Hester Dwinell '28 along. Hester is willing to drive my car after we stop for her at Brookfield. I do so appreciate that." And she concluded, "I do drive to Middlebury and Vergennes when the spirit moves, as I shall be doing for Christmas, weather permitting." ...Beck and I (**Howard Cutler**) got back to the harsh realities of life last October 29 after two grand weeks cruising the Adriatic, Ionian, and Aegean seas aboard the *MTS Argonaut* (said to have been built originally as the world's largest private yacht), along with some 130 congenial people of middle years and up. All of us were on the Metropolitan Museum of Art's "Voyage to Byzantium" tour. After two days in Venice, reliving old memories, we boarded ship for continuing pleasures, such as cruising the Dardanelles and the Bosporus, and visiting the present, the past, and the ancient past, in ports and on shore excursions along the coasts of Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey. Among the higher highlights were setting foot on the site of ancient Troy, two days in Istanbul (Constantinople when we were growing up), visiting Delphi, home of the Delphic Oracle, and Meteora (particularly memorable) where in the 14th century hermits built monasteries on top of tall, slender needles of rock. To get to one of these we climbed 185 steps on a day so foggy that only occasionally were eerie glimpses to be caught of the countryside as we ascended. The former monastery on top is beautifully preserved, and its interior walls and ceilings are covered with marvelous frescoes. Another pleasure was walking on top of the old city walls of Dubrovnik—this time in clear, sunny weather. Seas were stormy the last two days of the trip. We lay-to in the lee of one of the islands for a day and after that enjoyed the sliding of dinner ware on the tables as the boat rolled from side to side.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Clifford R. Oviatt (Jane Carrick), Middlebury East #9A, RD 1, Middlebury, VT 05753, and William K. Donald, 14740 Eden St., Fort Myers, FL 33908.*

The October '88 Homecoming, with its special celebration of the successful fund drive over a year ahead of schedule, provided former and present class officers with a chance to compare notes. Ruth and **Nap Blanchette**, Dorothy and **Hank Ferry**, and **Bill Donald** met at a policy discussion-luncheon at **Jane Carrick Oviatt**'s home in Middlebury to discuss the reassembling of the Moody Room collection which had to be placed in temporary storage to make space for the fund raisers. We are happy that so many of you were able to contribute to this successful capital campaign, dreaming that one day we can be represented 100 percent, no matter how modest the amount. ...We are already discovering the perks that come with this job. We've been detectives extraordinaire and have had some lucky breaks. We've uncovered a classmate most of you never knew: **Peter Hayward**. Whether of the class of '27 or '28, he is so intriguing that we have decided to claim him as our own. He writes from Hawaii, "Congratulations to the class of '28. After 65 years of diligent deliberation it has adopted a short-term member of the class of '27. How this remarkable burst of good will came about is indeed a classic example of what happens if enough time goes by. Anyhow, I accept the status with due humility and acknowledge the existence of fine people I never knew before. I am the last and only member of Sigma Phi Iota." Then he tells us, "I fell in love with my nurse when I was interned in the SPI house with scarlet fever during June exams. In 1925 she decided I was too young. I got sick leave from the doctor and took off for Burlington to change her mind. Forgot all about mail from home. When my folks got their mail back they phoned Midd, and the police and Dean Wiley caught us. I left Midd and never returned, but I got my nurse back. Married her in '26. Happy for three years. She died in 1929." ...Helen Simpson Hull '30 wrote **Mimi Sweet Coombs** from Hawaii about a "well-known portrait sculptor in the years 1938-50 and a painter of delightful and lovely canvasses since 1950." He and his artist wife live on the "windward side of Oahu, right on the water.... They capture those lovely turquoises, lime greens, cerulean blues, and purples in their paintings and Hawaii has honored them both for the joy and pleasure they give us all." Who else but our Peter? We wish we could see some of his works. ...We have had some wonderful telephone talks with **Lorna Senecal Sylvester** who still has that resonant voice she developed in the debating club. She has had phenomenal success and recognition in her field of psychiatric social work. For the nonce, she is officially retired with Jack, her husband of 52 years. However, she is still active in her field and professional contacts, despite health and eyesight problems which she refuses to accommodate. In Pennsylvania, she continues to serve on an advisory council of which she was founder and president for several years. ...**Earl Hindes** writes that "Our 60th was a great party for too few." We quite agree. Thirteen of us had a wonderful reunion. Do you all realize that nearly half of our original class members are still alive and quite well? This was Earl's 11th out of 12 reunions. Who can top this? Earl no longer wields a hard-driving tennis racket but now uses his driver with equal enthusiasm. A favorite partner is Duke Nelson '32, right here in Middlebury, and a favorite course is our own College course. If you plan to visit Earl in Bryson City, N.C., or Brooksville, Fla., be sure to take your clubs. ...**Helen Bailey** spends time visiting her many friends and lunching with the various groups she belongs to, a life style she regards as "unproductive but pleasant." Wherever Helen is can never be unproductive. ...A report from **Mimi Sweet Coombs** says "Elderhostel is great! Folks 60 to ? enjoy college dorm-type living." Immediately after completing her last class letter she spent a week at Potsdam College Lake Campus with classes in "You Can't Paint That," "World Food," "World Hunger," and "Patriotic Music." What an intriguing spread of topics. Best of all, "No exams!" She suggests you try Hostel, singly or double. ...After residing in Florida for ten years, **Eunice Smith Williams** and Clifford moved to Phoenix to be near their son and his family. Last summer their old friends and neighbors in Chester, Vt., welcomed them back for some happy days of reunion, fun, and festivities. ...We have a heart-warming letter from **Celian H. Abbott** who reluctantly left us after his sophomore year to attend Columbia's School of Optometry. Reluctantly, he said, because he had just been elected managing editor of *The Campus*, and had to pass up a budding career in journalism. (**Storrs Lee** took over the job and look what happened to him!) Celian went on for further study at Penn State and then established his practice in Winchendon, Mass., retiring after 42 years. Since retirement he and Edith have traveled extensively. He devotes much time to charity, is director of a sizable local foundation, a trustee for a fund supporting a school, and trustee for his high school alumni association. Last year he established his own Abbott Memorial Scholarship which provides an annual grant to a needy senior accepted into a four-year college program. He is moderator of his church and trustee of a local savings bank. We think this constructive retirement might be made possible by his invention of a 36-hour day. ...**Florence Porter McClintock** regrets that she and Jim could not attend our 60th reunion. Both she and Jim "are no longer able to do the things we like to do," one of these being travel. Their quiet days are warmed by fond memories of their many trips throughout the United States and the Caribbean. ...**Fred Whittemore** reminds us of a dusky Saturday night dance at the gym. The famous flood of 1927 had blacked out the campus, and as chairman of the dance he had learned from Dean Ross that "no lights, no dance." Not one to take "No" for an answer, Fred ambled down to Prexy's house. In Prexy's absence Mrs. Moody heard his sad story and ordered, "Go ahead with your dance. The President and I will be there with the Burrages and Dean Hazeltine." A full moon guided our steps to the gym, the inside of which was ablaze with a multitude of candles. Mysteriously, by intermission time all the candles seem to have been extinguished, save for those in the chaperones' corner. Miss Ross arrived just in time to observe Prexy and Dean Hazeltine blowing out the last of the candles. The dance resumed and was one of the best and longest of our four years. Who amongst us recalls that glorious and delightful evening? Thanks, Fred, for a memorable time!. ...Enjoying a happy retirement in Bradford, Vt., are **Marguerite Kent Fitzpatrick** and her husband. Although they spend winter months in Florida, they always return to their beloved Vermont for the rest of the year. Marguerite devoted many years to teaching in Vermont, for which she received notable recognition in educational circles. ...One of our professorial classmates, **John Hoyt**, writes that he plays chess occasionally and bridge quite often. Living in a retirement community known as Homestead Village in Lancaster, Pa., where John notes there are few chess players but many bridge players. John also enjoys creating math problems for AIME and AHSME national competitions. Earning his Ph.D. from George Washington University, he was a professor of mathematics at the U.S. Naval Academy. John modestly makes no mention of his book on elementary probability

theory which was published some years ago. ...We told you to watch for more of **Marjorie Dewing**'s peccadillos. Of her first around-the-world trip she reports, "I was taking pictures, but when I turned around everyone had disappeared. They had all taken the bus back to the airport. I just ran and arrived soon after the bus did. ...Upon arrival at the Galapagos Islands, one has to take a tender from the ship, then wade ashore. I always dreaded getting out of a tender. I usually made it O.K. but this time I held the rope on the bobbing tender, lost my balance and sat down in the ocean. At least I held my bag, shoes and camera aloft." ...**Wally Gollnick** writes that he'll again be on the golf course this spring. Wally thoroughly enjoys his golf, both at Pensacola in the winter and back home at the Culver Military Academy where he was a coach for many sports, including golf. We wish you many birdies, Wally. ...We have just learned that **Len Clark** has been transferred to a new nursing home. If you wish to send a card you can do so through Ms. Jo Ann Johnson, 485 South Street, Apt. 222, Holyoke, MA 01040. ...Speaking of cards, we are happy to provide you with some upcoming birthday dates, in case you wish to remember any of your old friends: **Len Clark**—April 1, **Vida Waterman Davis**—April 14, **Hester Dwinell** and **Roger Cleveland**—April 16, **Florence Lockerby**—April 24, **Louise Thompson**—April 28, **Eunice Smith Williams**—May 20, **Ruth Simmons Dinkel**—May 23, **John Hoyt**—June 1, **Afton Hilliard**—June 6, **Anna Belisle Daley**—June 10, **Marjorie Dewing**—June 23. Happy days to you all!. ...We have just learned of the death of **Del Hadley Lardner** on December 28, 1988, and of **John Myers** on October 30, 1988. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families. Memorials to these departed classmates appear elsewhere in this issue. ...**Florence Lockerby** sends greetings from her home at Countryside Place, 1700 I Street, La Porte, Indiana 46350. She's having those "long thoughts of youth" and is still asking, "Tennis, anyone?. ...**Ruth Simmons Dinkel** loves being back in New England (Concord, N.H.) where she has many friends. She keeps busy with volunteer work, as well as book and garden groups. Courage in hand, she flies to see her son and his family in Chicago and her sister who lives in the South. ...**Luke Collins** regretted missing the reunion, recalling how much he and Dorothy enjoyed and benefited from the last one. We have a new address for him: Clement Manor II, #185, 9405 West Howard Ave., Greenfield, Wisconsin 53228. ...It is gratifying to be receiving items as a result of the October letter to our classmates. We have already received a lovely portrait of Wally '27 and **Fran Baldwin Patch** to grace our new album. **Helen Bailey** never fails us. She has sent copies of *The Campus, Saxonian*, and *The Blue Baboon*, typewritten poems by **Charles Malam**, and one of his plays. Look for them in the Moody Collection. **Nap Blanchette** has contributed two silver napkin rings that he provided as souvenirs at our 50th Reunion, and **Bill Donald** has added one of the little ships he made for all of us at our reunion last May. We look forward to receiving more echoes of the days of yore. ...Finally, we are so pleased to announce the arrival of the photograph album prepared by **John Walker** which abounds in pictures of all the class reunions from 1953 through 1983. This was donated by the children of John and Lou Thompson Walker '27: Louise Walker Long, Robert C. Walker, and Harry L. Walker. We are indebted to them for the rich bit of 1928 history the album affords us. Look for it also in the Moody Collection.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. E. J. Kelly (Frances Foley), 130 Prospect Ave., Northampton, MA 01060, and J. Malcolm Williams, 6430 Beechwood Ave., Sarasota, FL 33581.*

Our 60th Reunion is this spring and we hope that many of you will return for this special reunion June 2-4. We will be housed in Allen Hall (next to the Chateau) and there will be transportation to take us to the events on campus. Here is a chance to learn first-hand of the exciting things that are happening today, meet with President Robison, attend a faculty lecture, attend convocation in Mead Chapel, and attend the Sunday morning chapel service, highlighted by the alumni choir and organ presentations. Make plans now to return for our 60th Reunion June 2-4.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

In September, Eleanor and **Howard Huntress** took me to the delightful meetings at Bread Loaf. The Huntresses treated me royally and the mountains were beautiful! I have undergone all sorts of tests lately. I am to wear two hearing aids now. Horrible! And, I am more dependent on my cane. ...**Ginny Knox** and **Marian Cruikshank** report that they had a fine time attending Homecoming in October. Cruikie thanks Gunhilde Elfstrom Carlson '27 for picking her up for the trip. Ginny, too, was helpful in transporting Esther Langwill '23. Other members of our class enjoyed the weekend: **Lib Parker Andrews, Alice Guest Howson**, and **Fred Dirks**. ...Incidentally, Lib has made special efforts over the last few years to make sure that her late husband's name will be remembered at the College. The philosophy common room at Middlebury has been named the John T. Andrews Memorial Library in honor of Lib's husband, who was a highly-respected member of Middlebury's faculty for 35 years. Lib has given John's fine collection of philosophical books to the philosophy department, as well as some rare prints of famous philosophers and other photographs and drawings. Also, the John T. Andrews Memorial Prize in Philosophy, established in 1987 by the Flint Charitable Trust, is awarded annually to the senior philosophy major who, in the judgment of the department, is the best philosopher among her/his peers. Lib has moved to 22 Woodlawn Park (apartment #3), off route 7 in Middlebury. (Due to a misunderstanding, it was reported in the winter issue that Lib's father had died in the last year when, in fact, he passed away many years ago. Our apologies.) ...Cruikie (**Marian Cruikshank**) is beginning to consider one of several residences near Worcester. Due to a twisted ligament, she had to get Meals on Wheels last October. Her shingles, too, continue to bother her. ...**Sanford Witherell** is "hanging on" and seems to have time for fun—"on a small scale." He and Helen have been married 51 years. Last summer he saw **Bob Herrick** in Maine. ...We are sorry to learn of the deaths of **Norma Howard Lowery**, **Miriam Turner Larson**, and **Lloyd Hackett** in 1988. We still regret the passing of **Harry Tomlinson** in 1985. Harry's widow, a retired art teacher, will spend the summer in Colorado.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Parker (Linnea Wall), P.O. Box 94, 266 Hardings Beach Road, West Chatham, MA 02669.*

Many thanks to those who answered our plea for news. To those who were unable to reply, we hope you will take time now to let our classmates hear you are still around. ...**Paul Daland** is already looking forward to our 60th—only two years off. He and Thelma spend their vacations at their summer cottage at Orient, Long Island, which, he says, some call "the Cape Cod of Long Island." They also manage to visit their daughter's family with two grandchildren in North Carolina. They also have two grandsons by their son. Paul's activity has been somewhat limited since having a pacemaker installed in 1986. ...**Dick Gordon** flew to Canada last June to visit his daughter and attend the wedding of his granddaughter. He spent Christmas with his son and family, including three grandchildren, in Colorado. Otherwise he leads a quiet life in Dunedin, Fla., where he reads a lot, rides his bicycle five miles a day and is looking forward to the return of his snowbird golfers. He attends church regularly—picking up some "old folks" en route. He adds, "Who am I to be talking about old folks?". ...**Elwin Warren** writes that he is still "kicking around." He is working part time for the company where he has been employed since 1961. He says he has lost weight—down from 203 at graduation to 179—and signs his letter "Same old Baldy."...We are sorry to learn of the recent death of two classmates: **Ken Cox**, November 20, 1988, and **Roy Davenport**, June 14, 1988. ...**Helena Dundas Rayner**'s life goes on at a very busy rate. She works as a volunteer at the Falmouth High School, tutoring, correcting papers, etc., as needed. She is also enjoying a course in computers and is busy quilting. She has a lens transplant (as many of us have had) so can see and drive comfortably again. She recently returned from a trip to California. Her son, Dave, is a biologist working for the state of Maine at its Governor Hill Fish Hatchery. Rob '70, her other son, teaches in Canton, Mass., has a Karate school, and is a third-degree black belt. She is worried, as we are, about the over-development here on Cape Cod. ...**Irene Tarbell Wheeler** writes that she and Bill are most content in their Life Care Community Center 20 miles from Philadelphia. They spend summers in Winchester, N.H. They are in "reasonably good health," in which their medical department aims to keep them. ...David and **Betty Currier Buck** have moved to The Willows at Westborough, One Lyme St., # 409, Westborough, MA 01581 (phone 508-366-5549). Upkeep of their previous home became too much to take care of. ...Deedie and **"Cal" Calvert** traveled to New Hampshire and Vermont last fall to visit their grandson, a freshman at Dartmouth, and **Mary Stolte Toomey** in Grafton. They enjoyed the fall foliage and Mary's roses which she had been covering nightly to protect them from the frost. It was interesting to see the restoration at Grafton, both at night and by daylight. Mary's son is busy with administration and entertainment at the Grafton Inn, where they all had dinner.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 182 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210.*

We regret to report the death of **Ada Geraldine Harriet (Judy) Haley Seymour** on October 10, 1988. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. The class sends sympathy to her sons, Shaun and Larry. Judy's husband, H. Carleton (Cy) Seymour '27, died in

1986. ...**Edward (Ed) Doty** has sent us a clipping from the *Cornwall* (N.Y.) *Evening News*. The Cornwall Garden Club is shown planting burning-bush plants edged with chrysanthemums in a town center traffic circle in memory of Ed's wife, Dorothy. With her special talent in flower arranging, she was a very active member of the Club. Ed writes that he keeps busy and "out of the house most all day." He and Dorothy sang in their church choir, so Ed now finds it difficult to sing—especially *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again* at the conclusion of the service. ...**Frederick (Freddy) L. Weaver** writes from Brentwood, Long Island, that he is now a full-time professor of mathematics at Farmingdale State University. In addition, he teaches two classes at Adelphi University with supervision of five student teachers, requiring him to travel a great deal for on-the-job observation. He has also taught math and science methods courses at Adelphi. Freddy says, "I do not have a minute to spare!" He adds that he has reluctantly given up officiating at basketball and football games. He has a summer home in New Brunswick, Canada, where he and his son, Phillip, are avid fresh-water fishermen, angling especially for trout and smallmouth bass. Phillip teaches math at Sachem High School on Long Island; daughter Louise is a psychiatric social worker in Cincinnati, Ohio. ...**Daniel (Danny) P. Riccio** writes that he recently completed a seven-week hospital stay for a brain tumor operation. "My 80th birthday and also our 50th wedding anniversary were spent in the hospital. Isn't that some way to celebrate such important events!" We remember that Danny played varsity golf at Middlebury; he vows to resume golf as soon as he regains his strength. We hope that he will make his third hole-in-one and continue to shoot his age and better. As the age goes up, isn't it easier to shoot under the figure? Since his 1970 retirement he and wife Gladys have traveled to many European countries and Hawaii. ...**Gray** and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** attended the '88 Alumni College at Bread Loaf last fall. Their Seattle daughter-in-law, Judy, accompanied them and later wrote, "Thank you both for my wonderful, enriching summer. The Bread Loaf experience was very stimulating. It is such a good setting for study—Spartan and orderly, and, at the same time, relaxed and friendly. What a bunch of turned-on people. I loved it." She was enrolled in the "Potpourri" class. Gray and Georgiana endorse her comments. They were in Glenn Andres's seminar on "Gamaliel Painter's Town." The text was Professor Andres's own book, *A Walking History of Middlebury*. Originally published by the Middlebury Bicentennial Committee and reprinted three times by the Sheldon Museum of Middlebury, it is available through the College bookstore. Andres's illustrated lectures were stimulating. Here is a fine program idea for a regional alumni gathering! **Eleanor Benjamin Berry** participated in the seminar on contemporary drama. Save some time next fall for Alumni College. It is a wonderful experience and the Taylors are making it an annual event for them! ...**Jo Saunders Taggart** attended the 1988 Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf September 16-18 and your class secretaries went to the special workshop on September 17.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Philip L. Carpenter (Helen Easton), 83 Quagnut Drive, Wakefield, RI 02879-4602.*

On October 20, 1988, friends of **Dick Allen** honored him at a tribute dinner for his many years of service to the town of Framingham, Mass. Retiring in 1988 after serving as town moderator for a decade, he continues to work in the community in various capacities. A personnel director of Dennison Manufacturing Company, his many extra activities have included work with the School Committee, the Greater Framingham Red Cross chapter, Vernon House, Framingham Union Hospital, YMCA, First Parish Church, the Choral Society, and the Framingham Heart Study. In 1985, he was named local Red Cross volunteer of the year. In addition, he squeezed in enough tennis time to become, with his doubles partner, no. 1 in New England in the 75 and over age group, also receiving the Chauncey Steele Award for sportsmanship. He and Helen have a daughter, Susan Allen Mehigan, who lives in Framingham; a son, Peter, in Westboro; and six grandchildren. ...**Art Amelung** wrote that he is sorry to have missed the 55th Reunion but enjoyed the pictures and literature sent by the College. "My four-way by-pass surgery a year ago gives me no trouble, but I don't attempt too severe a test. Have done no traveling except for a few days in Nantucket. A lot of men in the reunion picture were recognizable, but the women were beyond my ken." ...The class extends its sympathy to **Dot Cornwall Cheney** at the death of her husband, Willis, July 21, 1988, after a long illness. ...**Paul Collins**, who lives in Pasadena, says the gold mine in which he is interested is going "gung ho, extracting millions of dollars worth per month. The 'mesquite' mine is southern California's biggest gold mining project, with at least 30 years' reserves." His sister, **Alice Collins Pace**, who lives in San Francisco, was able to visit him last August. He said she seemed cheerful but very thin. ...**Mary Omwake Dearborn** received the 1988 Catawba College Distinguished Alumni Award during homecoming festivities in October. Mary, who is the daughter of 13th Catawba president Howard Omwake, and the wife of 16th Catawba president Donald Dearborn, was a special student from 1933 to 1938 and received an honorary degree from Catawba in 1976. "Mrs. Dearborn's very name conjures up an image of the pure essence of Catawba College," said alumni board president Clarence Morris. "No one has served Catawba better.... She attends every significant college event, causing some people to assume she is a full-time employee. She has set new standards, which we all can emulate." She told the homecoming alumni that Catawba has been the center of her life for more than 50 years. "I have been a student, professor, house mother, president's wife, and staff member. Catawba has given me many happy memories." Mary added a personal note to our class: "Needless to say, I was thrilled to be so honored and felt very humble.... In August I took a two-week trip to the Canadian Rockies with 30 Salisbury friends. It was all I ever dreamed and is now one of my cherished memories.". ...**Mel** and Perky Monroe '39 **Glazier** hated to miss the 55th Reunion fun, but they appreciated the reports about the festivities. They said, "Please give our love and good wishes to all.". ...**Ev Gould** celebrated his October 12 birthday aided by his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Pete, who arrived in time to prepare and serve a six-course dinner with fresh salmon as the main course. They left enough food for several days. Ev said, "I had a good health check-up with my doctor. I eat well, am always hungry, and look forward to each new day, which is an interest I lacked for a while.... Our reunion picture showed that age has not treated us too unkindly. I'm looking forward to our 60th. Good wishes to all.". ...**Charity Mead Lafond** wrote in early November: "I have enjoyed reading the news of our class all these years and have contributed little because nothing of special interest seemed to come my way. I enjoyed life, although it has been pretty hum-drum most of the time. My husband had an army career, and we did have one year of residence in Japan, which was quite interesting. After he retired, we settled down in Marlborough, N.H., in an attractive small cottage on a pond, where we could live quietly and enjoy country hobbies, flower gardens, and walks. September 24, 1988, my husband of 47 years died. My health is bad, so I had to sell the house. I now live with and am being cared for by a very dear friend. My new address is RR 4, Box 21, Keene, NH 03431." We all send love and sympathy to Charity. ...**Arnold Lewis** and Mary Jo enjoyed a vacation trip last August in Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge, Mass., including a couple of nights at Tanglewood during the week in which the orchestra celebrated Leonard Bernstein's 70th birthday. They also saw *Modern Dance* at Jacob's Pillow and *The Chalk Garden* at the Berkshire Theater. ...As noted elsewhere, **Jack McKee** died on October 8, 1988, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, L'aine, his brother Hugh '30, three sons, two daughters, and ten grandchildren. Our sympathy goes to all the survivors. ...**Al Painter** sent word that his wife, Olive, passed away October 3, 1988. She had been ill since the spring. They had hoped until May to get to the Reunion, but her worsening condition prevented that. Although she was a 1933 graduate of Douglass College, she felt closer to Midd '33. We join in sympathy to Al, son Alan S., and the children. ...**Doug Short** and Rosemary regretted that they could not make it back to campus for the 55th Reunion. Doug enjoyed the brochure and reunion pictures that Gordie Perine '49 sent and commented that all looked relaxed and youthful. He said his next hope for visiting Vermont is 1993, the time for our 60th Reunion. "We both enjoy good health. The weather here in Orange County, California, is good and keeps us active. We could, however, use some of Florida's excess rain. In our backyard we have harvested a lot of cooking apples. We have two orange trees, an avocado, and a macadamia. In early September the family drove to San Diego and saw the *Stars and Stripes* catamaran in dry dock just before the America's Cup race." The Shorts were planning a mid-September trip via Las Vegas to Salt Lake City and on to Logan to visit their youngest daughter and attend the christening of their newest grandson. ...**Marie Ernst Sloper** wrote, "I wish I could have been with you for our 55th Reunion. It gave me great pleasure to read about the continuing activities of many of our classmates. My thanks to all for organizing and sending me the reunion report. I just keep plugging along from day to day, meeting whatever comes my way. Thank you all for keeping in touch." ...**Ruth Redman Southworth** says Madison, Wisconsin, has changed greatly since we (the Carpenters) lived there in 1935-37. The university has swallowed up streets and placed large research or class buildings on them. "But the lakes are still there and are lovely to look at. Our big adventure of 1988 was a week near Acadia National Park in Maine. Our son and family helped us travel. We flew to Bangor and also had a beautiful trip on the Island." ...Dorothy, the widow of **Dick Sweet**, telephoned while spending Thanksgiving weekend with one of their children and family near Westerly, R.I. It will be recalled that Dick died in 1987 while they were at their summer home in North Haven, Maine. She says she still spends the winter months at their Jenkintown, Pa., home and then opens the summer place from mid-June until October. Two of her daughters have homes at North Haven. She says that even after a year each day is "getting up and going through the

motions" until night comes and another day has passed. She sent her best to anyone who remembers her from the 50th Reunion. We were privileged to visit Dot and Dick in Maine, and they had stopped over in Wakefield on their way north in 1987. ...It was good to see **Eloise Barnard Wells,** even though briefly, at Reunion last May. She wrote later that her health problems are finally squared away and "I am now in better shape to head into winter. We stay pretty much at home, but I did get to Midd in August for the Tri-State Alumnae meeting with the Middlebury area group at the Kirk Alumni Center." ...**Harry** and Fran **Wells** had the pleasure of traveling north from Florida to attend the October 1, 1988, wedding of their first granddaughter, Laura, to Kevin McHugh in the chapel at the University of Maryland, where the newlyweds were both graduated in 1985. Harry says, "We are still playing lots of golf and hope any classmates visiting in the land of sunshine will come by and see us in Sun City Center." ...**Red Yeomans** spent last summer in New Hampshire "strolling the beach, indoor swimming (the ocean in N.H. is too cold, except for a quick dip), playing a little golf, and gorging myself on lobster. The highlight was becoming a great-grandfather—on my birthday, no less—to a little girl." Congratulations!

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Elizabeth French, 765 Union Ave., #406, Lakeport Square, Laconia, NH 03246, and Douglas E. Howie, P.O. Box 635, Walpole, NH 03608.*

It is good to hear from **Thelma Croft Fisher**: "Summer's heat was unusual for our area in Greenback, Washington, and the drought brought on many extensive fires, water shortage, and then the rain started and most of the rivers flooded." So, she concludes, "you might say one damn thing after another and news for our class '34 is not happily worthy of attention!" Not say we, for just hearing from any of you is good news. Teddy is doing a lot of volunteer work in the church library and office and does some volunteer driving for people who need help. ...**Thelma Fuller Heckman** writes, "Art and I just seem to putter along enjoying the autumn and a sweet standard poodle that needed a home. So, we adopted her, of course. We hope to come to the 55th. Art sends a warm hello and love to you." We say to Thel and Art—lucky dog! ...Word reaches us that **Wil Hutton** is to have a second cataract operation after a very successful one on the first eye. It was as though a curtain was raised and he could see bright colors again. Good luck Wil! ...**Bobby Hanchett Hutton** is well and keeps active in neighborhood affairs in spite of the aches and pains so many of us have these days. ...We are sorry to report the passing of **Harold Watson** who died September 28. Hal had a distinguished career in the field of education. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Barbara, and the Watson family. ...While Betsy and **Doug Howie** were enjoying a dinner out recently, they were pleasantly surprised to see Boyd '33 and **Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown** come in. A nice chat about this and that ensued. The main theme of the conversation was, of course, Middlebury. Emmy Lou has some back problems and Boyd a bad shoulder, which explains why they did not attend Homecoming, the first one they had missed in a good few years. ...**Marion Goodale** was the first one to respond to our plea for suggestions for our 55th Reunion. Thanks, Marion, it is nice to hear from you. We do hope you will be there. ...**Anna Tuthill White** has been traveling again. In September she and a neighbor arranged a cruise to the Greek Islands. The trip also included Turkey where the highlight for Anna was Istanbul. Along with the many mosques is the very large and fascinating bazaar, "a maze in which many people, including us, get lost!" They visited many archaeological sites and had well informed guides. She writes: "We had two days in Athens, a very busy, congested city with heavy air pollution, though the historical sites were fascinating. We visited Laredos on Rhodes, the Palace of Knossus on Crete, and the extensive archaeological site on the tiny island of Delos in the Cyclades." ...We are glad to hear from **Helen Burt Wright** that Ray is feeling back to normal after the operation on his aorta in January 1988. Helen says at the moment she can hear him happily blowing leaves away in the yard. He does love to "tidy up the property." In September Helen and Ray went to Washington state for the happy occasion of daughter Jane's wedding. "Jane and her husband will probably live on the West Coast, but this February we are planning a family gathering in Stowe, Vt., for a week of skiing and getting acquainted. We are looking forward to it." Helen and Ray are not sure of the 55th, but hope they can make it. So do we! ...We received word from **Lester Lovell** that Polly had undergone open heart surgery in September and was recovering very nicely. ...**Doug Howie** attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September, along with classmates **Travis Harris, Randolph Erskine,** and **Wyman Parker.** Following a busy day of meetings, Betsy and Doug headed north for a few days in Montreal, then on to Quebec City for three days. Says Doug, "What a delightful and intriguing city is Old Quebec. It certainly deserves a revisit." ... From Morristown, N.J., **A. Victor Erkkila** writes, "Eleanor and I have now reached 50 years of marital life, so we celebrated the occasion with our children, grandchildren and relatives on August 6th. Earlier this spring we attended the graduation of one of our grandsons (Stephen Holmes '88) from Middlebury and two weeks later the graduation of another grandson from Williams College." He also says he enjoys the class news and hopes to make it to our 55th Reunion. We hope so, too, and we hope to see many of you at Middlebury the weekend of June 2-4, 1989!

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Class Secretaries: *Avis E. Fischer, 6438 Sunset Drive, Frederick, MD 21701, and W. Wyman Smith, 325 College St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Half of our class must have taken "Contemporary Civilization" from Professor Kingsley. Do you remember his warning about aspirin? He told about giving a tablet to a frog and the frog keeled over and died. How many of you have followed his advice? ...**John Blake** writes that he and Pat think the beach at Wiggins Pass, Florida, is "a great place to run along the beach. Did I write 'run'? Well, poetic license, if you please." They also see Mary and **Wally Boehm** in Marco, although two years ago they moved from there to higher ground—"14 feet versus 7 feet above sea level." Their "pristine wilderness of pine and palmetto" now has 22,000 people on one side, a big shopping center on another, and three housing developments on the third. "We at least have 2.5 acres" of citrus and various tropical plants. They help the Immokale Migrant Workers and their church's Bargain Box. With their dog, Tiffany, they traveled north in their station wagon to Tennessee and along the Blue Ridge Parkway when the rhododendron was in full bloom. They enjoyed hiking "through the pink haze and watching the mist rise up from the cold"—in June. They continued to Nova Scotia for the summer where Pat has a cottage on Ponhook Lake. There they entertained numerous of her relatives and friends from Naples, Fla. John says from "House Rankin" (salt cod, salt pork, onion, cream, vinegar, poured over hot potatoes) to Hodge Podge we were busy." They did a lot of canoeing, sightseeing, and lobster eating. ...**Don Brown** says that he has lived in Jacksonville, Fla., for the last 36 years, except for "a week in Cashiers, N.C., in September to cool off." He has joined the rest of us with cataract surgery, in his case an implant. Unfortunately, "when I had mine," says **Wy Smith**, "implants were too experimental and now an operation would be too risky." Don continues his activities with the Florida Yacht Club as an "honorary member without dues." He expected to see **Wally Boehm** and **Les Evans** during the winter season. ...We send sympathy in the name of the class to **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** whose husband, David, passed away in September, the day after his 76th birthday. Approximately a month earlier they had celebrated their 50th anniversary with all the family and a few New Hampshire friends. The music for this occasion was Scottish folk songs played on bagpipes by a young man from the same area in Canada where Dave had been born. ...**Betty Jordan Klare** says her "life is naturally concerned somewhat with the activities of our children and grandchildren." The grandsons are active in sports and granddaughter Abbey (7) is "thrilled with her dance lessons—ballet, tap, and jazz". ...The column of the Class of '33 (Autumn '88 issue) reported that Bud and **Louise Fleig Newman** missed his 55th reunion because of Louise's back surgery. We are pleased to report that they *were* able to take advantage of a trip Bud had won when he attended an Aviation Forum at which Delta hosted a drawing of business cards. Louise writes that "my back is behaving and my rusty German is coming back." They drove through much of Germany and Switzerland and a bit of Austria. They found the historic inns where they stayed both interesting and delightful. ...A note from **Mark Richmond** says he is living in a retirement community and caring for his ill wife, Madalyn. ...**Hyatt Waggoner** died on October 13, 1988, after a long illness. Sympathy from the class has been extended to **Louise (Feather)** and their two daughters. We hope Hyatt's long career in American literature gave him much satisfaction, as it made many of us not a little envious. Wouldn't we all like to have lived the Doc Cook life as he did? **Wy Smith** recalls the nickname "Boots" given Hyatt by fellow freshmen in Painter Hall. Louise wondered why it hadn't been "Bear" because of "his long bearskin coat with a raccoon collar." Louise also wrote that Doc Cook read Frost's poem "Reluctance" at Robert Frost's funeral. Then Howard Munford '34 read it at Doc's funeral and again at a memorial service for Hyatt, "a sort of passing of the torch," she thinks. ...Grace and **Wyman Smith**'s trip to England involved three theaters in London, a concert, and then 800 miles by car around Cornwall. Wyman likes to travel in places that look like Vermont. ...Did you know that the most livable cities in the U.S. chosen last year were Frederick, Maryland, and Burlington, Vermont? These just happen to be the two home cities of your class secretaries.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. James Cooper (Harmony Buell), 30 Glenwood Drive, Brewster, MA 02631, and Dr. Angus*

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We regret to report that we have learned of the death of **Evelyn Comesky McLeod**'s husband, Mac, on August 14, 1988, of an aneurism. Our sincere sympathy goes to Ev and her family. ...**Barbara Lilley Voss**'s new address is 95 Northwood Commons, Chico, CA 95926, where she moved just before the 50th Reunion. She was sorry not to see everyone, but did get to Middlebury later that summer when her eldest son and wife toured New England and a bit of Canada. Daughter-in-law Sally was born in Oregon and had never been to Middlebury before. She thought it was beautiful—and a delightful visit with a charming young lady in the alumni office added to their pleasure. Barbara's youngest son and family live in Chico; the middle son lives in Corvallis, Oregon. Barbara keeps busy with church and volunteer work at a very interesting retirement community nearby. A great trip to Australia and New Zealand with son Joe and his wife, Sally, topped off the summer of '88. ...The big move to a retirement center came for Julian and **Betty Lawton Wilhelm** over 2-1/2 years ago. The change from Bethesda, Maryland—"a new high rise every time you turned around, and the TRAFFIC!—to 110 Macoma Court, Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, FL 33908 brought no regrets. They went on a 7-day cruise in February with all details arranged by the Village. Betty says they couldn't be happier in their new home: "beautiful grounds with every facility needed for contented living." Julian's sister-in-law and her husband also live in the same community. Barbara adds that "**Isabel Kinney Frakie** comes here every January and February to visit her sister nearby. We have lunch a couple of times and also have joined with Iz and sister-in-law Helen on Sundays at the Episcopal Church on Sanibel where Julian sings in the choir. Iz and I were roommates years ago so we have lots of memories to share." We're glad to hear that Betty's sight has improved; she reads regular books again but does enjoy the talking books in the evening or on a dark day. ...**Marion Hook Nyberg** wrote in October to express her disappointment that Harry and she would not be able to attend the mini-reunion of our class at Homecoming time. A series of mishaps occurred. First, Marion fell while working in her garden, breaking her collarbone and cracking her pelvis. Harry then had constructive surgery on his right hand to replace tendons, a very extensive operation requiring many therapy sessions afterwards. As you read this, they are in Florida, where Harry has every expectation of resuming his golf game. Marion hopes the classmates will continue the mini-reunions and that a Florida get-together will be possible. ...On December 7, 1988, Alfred and **Fran Wilkinson Russ** also made the big leap from a home of many years to a retirement center. An unsettling experience (pure pun fun intended), but Fran and Alfred are taking it in their stride. Their new address is Pleasant View, 227 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301. ...With many thanks from all and much appreciation given to **Maggie Leach Harris** and **Dick Hubbard**, co-chairpersons of the mini-reunion at Homecoming in October, the affair was a very happy experience for those who attended, including (from the Women's Class) **Mary Williams Brackett, Isabel Davies Emmerich, Maggie Leach Harris, Ret Hanson Herrington, Louise Hutchinson, Louise Hubbard McCoy, Marion Cole Morhouse, Mary Jane Kevan Philpott, Fran Wilkinson Russ, Phyl Sanderson, Agnes Harris Taylor**, and **Janet Hartwell Westby**. Maggie sends this report: "27 of us checked in at Bread Loaf Inn—most of us roomed in Birch and there hangs a tale! A most surprising night: Those on the west side were too warm and those on the southeast slept through what appeared to be a gusty hurricane. The building swayed and the beds shook. Our mini-reunion enjoyed Friday night's excellent dinner in splendid isolation in the Inn dining room, where we all caught up on '36 news. Later in the Blue Room, economics professor Michael Claudon brought us up to date on the Institute for Economic Advancement, a new venture for Middlebury. After breakfast the continuing cold and rain sent some of us home. Louise McCoy, Travis and I went to a lecture in the Abernethy Room by Bob Buckeye, Curator, and Wy Parker '34. Someone said, "I'm all for mini-reunions, but let's have them in the summer!" ...And from **Fran Fuss**: "The lovely thing about a Middlebury reunion is that we begin right where we left off, as if the years had not separated us. The warmth of friendship was dominant as we gathered in the Bread Loaf dining room for another college feast, happy to have Susanne Shaw and her husband sharing it with us, and to hear from absent classmates. Many years ago I remember Red Yeomans '33 standing up in Chapel giving the announcements and ending an enthusiastic spiel about a coming dance with "What a night! What a night!" The same might be said of the Friday night of our mini-reunion. The wind howled, shutters banged. Louise Hutchinson and I felt the building swaying in the gale. We arose next morning to see three inches of snow on the ground, trees bending in the wind, and classmates struggling to keep their balance as they inched toward breakfast; another candlelight meal as the electricity was off. Louise and I spent a warm, comfortable night, while Phyl Sanderson and Janet Westby just plain froze in their beds." ...**Louise Hutchinson** says the Homecoming weather of '88 reminded some of the gals of their freshman year at Midd when they lived off campus and sloughed through the snow for classes and meals. After a night of fitful sleep "we leaned into the buffeting wind and sloshed over to the Inn for breakfast by candlelight." No complaints from anyone, though, says Louise, and she's hoping for another mini-reunion in the near future. Last summer she enjoyed a 16-day guided tour through Norway's fjord country to Bergen, and the length of the Jutland Peninsula to Copenhagen, plus one day each in Oslo and Stockholm. She reminds us that the Post Office has changed her box number to RR 1, Box 1870, and her zip code is 05033-9727. ...**Louise Hubbard McCoy** writes: "Apart from the real joy of being with our own classmates, I found something that remains the best surprise to me—a really meaningful exchange in conversations with the very young (Midd '89) and medium young ('70 and '60). It surely made me confident Midd is leading off in world relations as well as analysis of the past." ...We hear that **Phyl Sanderson** enjoyed herself very much at the Reunion and thought it great to see so many returning. She and **Jan Hartwell Westby** stopped at **Marion Cole Morhouse**'s home for lunch on their way home, and pronounced it a jewel of a place. ...**Janet Hartwell Westby** thought the mini-reunion most enjoyable—the lectures were great and the meals super. The unannounced blizzard that Friday night couldn't dampen their good spirits, even though about midnight it extended a mighty effort. "It's not often," says Jan, "that you get to sleep in a shaking bed with your head under the covers. Everyone said they never had heard such howling wind." ...Max and **Ret Hanson Herrington** had a great time in spite of the weather, and they were certainly glad they had brought along the down sleeping bags. "In all our camping days we have never had the wind blow so hard and so continuously. About 4 a.m. the electricity went off and we had visions of no breakfast. Praises be, they have gas stoves and we had the most scrumptious breakfast by candlelight." ...From **Mary Jane Kevan Philpott**: "We sure are glad to be living close enough to Middlebury to be able to attend functions such as Homecoming this year—made especially delightful with the mini-reunion of the Class of '36. It really was fun to all be housed in the same cottage (Birch) which made for such friendly togetherness. It is exhilarating to get together with long-ago friends (I didn't say 'old' as age is no longer determined by the number of years one has lived, but rather by one's outlook and feelings—and none of us felt old!). It was a very satisfactory weekend and Russ and I were delighted to have been part of the scene and certainly glad we made the trip. Our thanks to Harmony, Gus, Maggie, and Dick. Good Job!" Mary Jane reported another mini-reunion in early October at Frank and **Mavis Jones Little**'s 67-acre farm in Voorheesville, N.Y. Jonie's reunion included the gals and husbands in their round robin, which is still making the rounds even though it has decreased in numbers. "Despite the fact that we were all so glad to see each other, it had sort of a sad ring as the Littles have sold their beautiful farm and are moving to the 'big city,' Delmar, N.Y. We are sorry that time marches on." Those present were Everett and Betts Bryan Sheldon '35, Div '34 and Jo Knox Divoll '35, Dan and **Jean Barton Cotton**, Russ and **Jerry Kevan Philpott**, Mary Clark Hopkins '35, and Louise (Weezie or Fult) Fulton Mapps '35. The new address for the Littles is 29 Fernland Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. ...**Louise Hubbard McCoy** is involved with Friends of the Middlebury College Library. She recently met with others at the library when Claire Van Vliet, internationally-known creator of fine art and hand-done books (and resident of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont) spoke to the group. It is not surprising that Louise, with her interest in books and music, is busy raising money for some special aspects of the new art center. ...Prior to a lecture on campus during Homecoming by geology professor Raymond Coish, **Jocko Martin** was asked if he planned to attend. Knowing that earthquakes would be discussed he replied with emphasis, "No way." Earthquakes relating to the West Coast *were* discussed as well as volcanos and continental drift. America continues to drift away from Europe and Africa at the rate of one's annual growth of a fingernail. We saw Mt. Saint Helens bursting with the force of 24,000 Hiroshima bombs, leaving a huge cavity while the photographer barely escaped in his truck before the overwhelming heat and smoke rolled in from several "safe" miles away. San Francisco's loss in 1906 was made worse by broken gas mains, adding fuel to the widespread fire. This presentation was held in the Warner Hemicycle, scarcely recognizable, in its new grandeur, as the site of Professor Davidson's post prandial lectures on medieval history. ...A letter from **Doug Hall** in Florida suggests that there are warmer places than Bread Loaf in October. (Perhaps we can plan another small reunion during the summer of '89.) After leaving Bread Loaf, Doug and Caroline stopped in Bennington and told John Lonergan '37 that **Elwood Hoxie** had done well during recent surgery in Boston. At the banquet table prior to Professor Claudon's presentation on international economics, there was some good but complicated talk between Doug, **Dick Hubbard**, and Prof. Claudon on matters of international trade. Later, at the table, Caroline Hall was asked to tell, in contrast, the story of her great grandmother who lived with her husband and nine children in sod homes on the prairie of Western Canada in the early 1800s, without computers, TV,

radio, or telephones. An English boy in need of a home was later adopted. After a number of years, she grew weary from such a life and announced, rather suddenly, "This is my last day." And thus she died at the age of 99! ...According to **Norman Pierce**, a Washington, D.C., area radio program asks a prominent person in the arts to name the five pieces of music he or she would select if they were marooned on a desert island. "One by one their selections are discussed with the program's host and the reasons given for their choices. Only then is the music heard." Norm asks **Louise Hubbard McCoy**, a talented musician, to share with us her five choices when next she writes to **Harmony Buell Cooper**. Norm suggested that for lack of space we will have to guess why she selected those particular titles. ...A recent letter from **Dick Hubbard** spoke enthusiastically of the October mini-reunion. He invited Professor Michael Claudon to speak on his new "think tank" on campus, designed, in part, to promote exchanges between Soviet and U.S. economists, at a time when private enterprise is becoming more attractive to the Soviet economists. We listened for nearly an hour to this excellent presentation of difficult concepts. As a geology major with an interest in drafting and architecture, Dick has followed the development of the arts center with great interest and is pleased with its site between the Chi Psi lodge and the field house. At Homecoming Professor Pardon Tillinghast spoke enthusiastically of the arts center—its location, its size, and its future significance for the entire student body. He asked rhetorically of the function of the new social center and of the future relationships between fraternities and the College. He also spoke of the probabilities of Middlebury in Japan and Middlebury in South America. As always, his rapid-fire presentation was much appreciated by us all. ...**Bob Brown** sends a November item in the interest of flora and fauna in Florida. Arriving before Thanksgiving, he found all was well "except for the lawn on our place. It was killed in spots by mole crickets. So the lawn was sprayed to kill the crickets." Following hurricane Keith he spread grass seed, "and right now from our porch I watch the birds eating the grass seed." At the time of his letter, golf was no longer a part of his schedule. "Another St. Albans couple live in the park and a close cousin lives about 7 miles away." We all hope your health can be sustained by good care and by the warmth of Florida. ...With regret, we have learned of the death of Jim Cooper at Brewster on December 13. Our sympathy goes out to **Harmony** and her family.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Harry K. Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Road, Delafield, WI 53018, and Pierce G. Couperus, RR 2, Box 950, Shaker Road, New London, NH 03257.*

Before we share with you our news of classmates, we are very sad to tell you of the unexpected death of **John A. Macomber** on November 13, 1988, in Atlanta, Ga. He was indeed a loyal class member and dear friend who loved Middlebury. He so enjoyed attending our 50th Reunion as well as that of the Class of 1938 of which he was a member during his earliest days at Middlebury. How wonderful that he had these two opportunities to renew old friendships in both classes and to re-live for a few days his fond memories of "the College on the hill." His obituary appears in this issue, and a letter of sympathy has been sent to his family from all of us. We will miss him. ...**Dottie Mathison Scott** keeps us posted on her many interesting activities, dating back to January 1988 when she and Bob joined the Middlebury Alumni ski trip to Austria for one week and then traveled on to Switzerland for a second week. She describes exciting, excellent skiing, lots of new snow, beautiful scenery, and charming ski villages high in the Alps. In March, Dottie and Bob attended the gala performance of the Middlebury Choir at the Lincoln Center and were impressed by the group of alumni in attendance. During the summer the Scotts vacationed at their home in Maine where they enjoyed a pleasant visit with **Doris Downing Daley**. Early this fall Dottie met with **Eleanor Milligan Dormont** in her new home in New Providence (no address yet, Eleanor). After catching up on Middlebury happenings they decided to plan a get-together of some New Jersey classmates which is apparently now becoming an annual affair. ...**Elizabeth Van Artsdalen MacArthur** included details of this get-together which was held at her apartment in November. Those attending were **Eleanor Milligan Dormont, Mildred Moore Sheenan, Dottie Mathison Scott**, and **Ruth van Sickle Dyer**. Elizabeth described everyone as looking good and being in good spirits. It was learned that **Margaret (Sherry) Scherholz Delfausse** had recently moved to Colorado to live with her daughter (2920 Hager Lane, #4, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601). Elizabeth also wrote of her last year's trip to Russia where she was really surprised with the lack of grim and doom and wonders if things may be changing to a more pleasant atmosphere. ...It seems that **Red Harris** and wife Alice have enjoyed a traditional and annual get-together with Dot and **Ed Berry** and Fran **Hill** (widow of **Parm**) for many, many years. Red also gets together occasionally during the year with **Mel Couperus** for a good gab session or a lively poker game. ...Last fall, Lee '35 and **Betty Knox Hunt** celebrated the happy occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary with a big party with family and friends, complete with her maid of honor, **Mildred Trask Roesch**, and her family. Sadly their daughter, Cynthia Hunt Garrels '63, lost her husband to cancer last March, but seems to be bravely coping with her tragic loss. Another daughter, Betsy Hunt Dailinger '69, is a registrar in the graduate school at Yale and has two children—Kate, a sophomore at Bryn Mawr, and Andrew, a junior at prep school in Madison, Conn. Meanwhile, after 26 years of teaching, Betty is still working part time as a microfilmer. And, although husband Lee is technically retired from the ministry, he still has two church commitments, resulting in a very busy household. ...For relaxation, **Ken MacFadyen** has taken up oil painting, concerning himself with the immediate panorama of the beauty of the Hudson river environment. He finds this new-found talent to be fun and invigorating. Meanwhile, he points out, he is thankful for 3 score and 15 painless years—even though he does have a new appreciation for Gamaliel Painter's cane, in addition to its original symbolism. The MacFadyens traveled to New England during the fall to visit all three sons. They were planning a spring visit to **Eleanor Akley** in Venice, Fla. ...**Marion Perkins Hackett** wrote as she was about to leave for four months in Sebastian, Fla., to avoid the cold winds and snow of Lake Champlain. Her travels since our last column consist of a summer trip to Hamilton, Ontario, and a pleasant trip to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit with her sister. ...**Sue Hathaway Hopper** writes that all is well with the Hopper family—good news after all of Ken's medical "scares" last year. The most recent "big event" in the family was their 50th wedding anniversary in September with a wonderful gathering of children, grandchildren, and their families—and one small, lovely, great-grandchild. No big travel plans for the immediate future. ...**Robert Jewett** tells us that although he doesn't really have anything interesting to say, he is primarily occupied with two things: 1) getting "things done" in his house, and 2) working on his lawn, his flowers, shrubs, and garden. From his letter one would assume that this is both time-consuming and most satisfying, and in no way a problematic situation. ...**Marjory Fielden Kimball** writes that she seems to keep very busy with her church involvement and other volunteerism. A visit in August to her son and his family, who recently moved to Long Grove, Ill., was the high point of her travel this year. She does greatly enjoy being near to her daughter, Beverly, who lives in Centerville, Va., 40 miles from her home so she is able to visit with her frequently. Incidentally, Marge points out that she is "on the way" for those Middlebury friends going to and from winter interludes in Florida. ...**Cay Branch Frasure** tells us in her letter that the high point of her year was an invitation to join a group of Ohio farmers on an agricultural mission to Russia where they visited collective farms in the Ukraine and Moldavia regions, sharing our know-how in all phases of farming and learning their methods. Cay described the trip as one in which they enjoyed freedom to come and go as they wished and were impressed with the cleanliness and ornateness of the subways and the beauty of the museums and cathedrals, but were still happy to return home to their own "bed and board." ...**Caroline Elliott Dorst** sent several impressive programs of the University of Lowell-College of Music, in which Caroline was the featured pianist in several recitals at the Clough Center in New London, N.H. She has also recently resigned her office of historian of the Pilgrim John Howland Society in Nashua, N.H. ...**Lois Bestor Craig** and co-secretary **Mel Couperus** have each written enthusiastically about their attendance at the Homecoming Dinner. In addition to the announcement that the fund-raising campaign had exceeded its goal of $60 million, a high point of the evening was the presentation of one of the 1988 alumni achievement awards to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal achievements—to our *very own* **Dr. Frank Piskor**, President Emeritus of St. Lawrence University. We hear he also gave a very excellent speech. Our congratulations, Frank, and you know we are all proud of you. Apparently the Class of 1936 indulged in a special mini-reunion during the Homecoming weekend which was a real success and Lois is wondering how many of our class would enjoy planning a similar event for 1989. We want you to think about it. Check your calendars and let us know in early spring. The whole idea sounds like fun and would give us all an excuse to have a good visit with one another—and what better time and place than in the glorious autumn colors we remember so well in Vermont. Lois will check further with possibilities of this "togetherness" with the alumni office—so THINK IT OVER POSITIVELY! In attendance during this year's Homecoming events, in addition to **Mel Couperus** and **Lois Bestor Craig**, were Anne and **Frank Piskor, Harriet Coley Lins**, and **Herbert and** Virginia Fischer '38 **Ellison**. ...My (**Barbara Gregory Hopkins**) news during this last year—in addition to an unforgettable and beautiful trip to Middlebury in May to share the 50th reunion of the Class of 1938, and a hot but great summer in our Wisconsin north woods and lake country—is that I had the great joy of becoming a grandmother for the second time in less than a year. It was indeed a miracle when at long last my daughter bore a tiny baby girl—weighing in at under five

pounds—named Sarah. Our little Korean boy and his new little sister have really made us a complete and very happy family. ...Thank you for your response and please keep us posted on your comings and goings. Our class is special and it's important to keep in touch with one another. We are counting on you, really, "as time goes by."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Herbert Ellison (Virginia Fischer), Wood River Village, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., #C102, Bensalem, PA 19020, and Bruce Brown, RD 2, Box 167, Hamilton, NY 13346.*

When you read these notes sometime in spring, Ginny and I (**Bruce Brown**) will be finishing up the summer column. To keep our columns full of your news, please keep up the correspondence. ...**Becki Abbott Brooks** had a summer visit from son David and family and also son Robert, and then all spent some time in Vermont. In July it was a visit to the opera in Cooperstown with **Betty Strait Moseley** and **Marion Hewes McKenney**. After Homecoming she hoped to see Fred and **Jane Abbott Barry**. In August Becki flew to Paris for two weeks with son Peter, staying with him "in his rented space on a peniche on the Seine." (Peniche does not appear in my French-English Dictionary, but I suspect it is a boat). She also had a trip to Italy. There may be another visit to Paris in the offing. ...Carol and **John Chalmers** left reunion for a 14-week visit to Great Britain where John pursued his latest interest in Roman Britain. "It was a glorious time for us, avoiding the cities in our rented car and staying at length in country spots of interests." After Britain they took a coastal steamer up the Norwegian coast from Bergen to the Russian border and return. The summer ended with a stop over in Middlebury to visit a grandson and grandnephew. ...Charlie and **Margaret Leslie Hall** attended their annual family reunion in August in Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario. September found them spending "a glorious two weeks in Switzerland." ...**Cecil (Swede) Holstrom** spent five weeks in Minnesota in the fall. He reports the "weather hot and the fishing terrible." He planned to attend Elderhostel in Myrtle Beach, N.C., in November. Swede continues to be a YMCA volunteer. ...Joe and **Josephine Minder Hoptay** have been visiting Vermont and Pennsylvania. They hoped to get together with Horace and **Gidge Howe Hay** in October. ...**Phyl Malcolm Mithassel** visited West Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in a 3-week trip early in the fall. She also writes that "I recently became the proud owner of a new Range Rover. Having great fun on the back roads of the Pacific Northwest." ...**Dorothy Dunbar Wilson**, who you will remember was one of those in charge of the displays at our 50th but was unable to attend at the last minute, writes to "express deep appreciation to the many thoughtful messages I have received, the thrilling phone call and cheer from the banquet hall.... Thanks to each of you who telephoned. It surely made my heart sing. How I cherish all Midd stood for and each and every classmate and teacher." ...Amen, and write, all of you.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner (Ruth Coleman), RD 2, Box 2515, Whitehall, NY 12887.*

Our 50th Reunion Yearbook should have inspired you—as no other communication may have done—to make your travel reservations for the weekend of Thursday, June 1, through Sunday, June 4, to come back and see familiar faces, compare and share your interests and experiences. Your secretaries had heard from several classmates by December, and met with more last fall. ...We had lunch not long ago with Dr. **Joe Foley** and wife Mary from Burlington. He was particularly interested in the yearbook—ours and those of previous years. Joe is retired, traveling some (to Oregon for Christmas with son and family), playing golf, and building dollhouses in his spare time for two granddaughters. ...In October we talked with **Bill Stoops, Mary MacFarlane Kelley**, and **Kay Andrus Fessenden**, all of whom had plans to be among us in June. Mary has a daughter in Albany whom she visits regularly and often drives back to Middlebury for a day. She is amazed at the growth of Midd's physical facilities, the modernization of older buildings as well as the appearance of the new, and she is impressed with the advancement in curriculum. Kay will be attending her reunion at Oberlin where she graduated, but is also looking forward to renewing acquaintances made in her freshman and sophomore years at Middlebury. ...**Ray Skinner** noted **"Bob" Palmer**'s new North Carolina address in our 50th Reunion Directory and telephoned him to find out more details. Bob has retired and moved to Southern Pines, a retirement community. He is looking forward to returning for reunion in June. ...A representative and hard-working group attended the Alumni Leadership Conference in September at Bread Loaf, where we helped plan our class gift and reunion weekend. That group included **Betty Anne Dunning Jones, Bud Wolcott, Bob Cushman, Marjorie Kohr Lovell, Len Anderson, Borden** and **Louise Roberts Avery, Audrey Dimm Foster, Jeanette Olson Gould, Bill Herrmann, Bettie Letson, Bert MacFadden, Ray** and **Ruth Coleman Skinner**, and **Tom Murray**. Since that weekend you have all had communications from the various chairmen and have an idea of our accomplishments. ...**Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** had just returned the night before from an Elderhostel in England, Wales, and Ireland. They were again very impressed with the program and fellow participants. ...We were happy to see **Jeanette Olson Gould** again. Jeanette is very excited about our 50th and happy to be involved again with Middlebury. Her daughter lives in Acton, Mass., with her husband and three daughters, ages 12, 10, and 7. Her son lives in Morristown, N.J., and has a daughter (8) and a son (5). They all spend vacations with Jeanette in Quechee, "...so they have a little Vermont in their souls along with the rest of us." ...**Ray and Ruth Coleman Skinner** met Sherb '38 and **Marjorie Kohr Lovell** on a brisk and beautiful fall day to share an interesting tour of a slate quarry in Granville, N.Y., with owner Bob Hicks '38. ...**Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** had a great trip in September to the eastern European countries, enjoying history, art, scenery, museums, cathedrals, and beautiful farm country, etc. They were very surprised at how much better East Berlin appears than West Berlin; Rumania the poorest; Yugoslavia progressive but suffering from inflation; Poland amazingly modern. Their next trip "will be to countries where you can cross the border without red tape, merely flashing our passport." Thor's letter was soon followed by his note notifying us of the death of **Hazel Whitman Hertzberg**. Thor had read in a *New York Times* obituary that Hazel had died suddenly while on a trip to Rome. The class of '39 extends our sympathy to her children, Katrina and Hendrik, and to her two grandchildren. ...Once again, **Evelyn Wheeler Stagg** has won a place in the Vermont legislature. We regularly read accounts of her busy life in Montpelier, particularly as head of the Education Committee in the House. She is also pushing for action on environmental problems in Vermont. Recently Evelyn attended the annual meeting of the Education of the States Commission in Baltimore, Md. The purpose of this commission is to "assist governors, state legislators, education officials, and others to develop policies to improve the quality of education at all levels." ...See ALL of you in June!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Alden (Barbara Plumer), 51 Otterside Court, Middlebury, VT 05753, and James A. Cornwall, 156 Park St., East Hampton, MA 01027.*

Fall was beautiful in Middlebury, with foliage peaking early in October. Those of you returning to campus will find two new buildings. A new Conference Center is being built across from the Proctor tennis courts, down by the graveyard. Behind the Chi Psi Lodge, adjacent to Memorial Field House, will be the site of the new Arts Center. A new baseball diamond is being laid out on the eastern side of South Street, between the home of Chaplain Walsh and Porter Hospital. Homecoming was, as usual, a fun weekend. Our daughter, Shari Galligan Johnson '68, and her two young daughters joined us for the weekend. Alumni spending Friday night up at Bread Loaf Inn awoke to see the first wet snowfall of the year—and no power. From all reports it was a bit nippy up there. Those of our class who attended the various functions were **Gordon** and **Peggy Jones Emerson** (who combined Homecoming with a visit to their granddaughter, Jessica, who is a freshman at Middlebury this year), **Jim** and Marge **Cornwall, Louise Gove Hawkins, Marge Burditt Striker** (who reports she is enjoying retirement with lots of time for firewood-gathering, house-trim-painting and heavy-duty gardening), and **Bob** and **Bobby Plumer Alden**. At the Saturday night banquet it was announced by David E. Thompson '49, national chairman of the $60 million capital campaign, that with a year to go $63 million has already been raised! With one year left to go before our gala 50th Reunion, **Bob Alden**, reunion chairman, hopes to hear from all of you who wish to volunteer to work on various committees and who have ideas about programs.

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Elaine Wadlund House, RD 1, Box 3039, Hyde Park, VT 05655, and Lester W. Ingalls, Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Ellie Gillett Blauvelt says she's had a wonderful year. After 10 years, she had a new pacemaker installed, enjoyed a 46th anniversary cruise to Bermuda, and gained a seventh grandchild. Her husband, Hank, has an ideal retirement job—three days a week as assistant tax assessor, which leaves three days for golf, and still one left to work around the house and yard. Ellie still enjoys doing a sing-a-long at the nursing home, is program chair for a woman's group at church (where she is a deacon), and belongs to two bridge clubs. She and Hank have started going to Florida for a month in the winter and were hoping to see **Alice Noppel Knight** en route to Venice this year. ...**Jan Eldredge Day** is retired but still doing 'volunteer' work for JAFRA on occasion. In April she went to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. She spent a few

days with Joyce Neves who is still reminiscing with pleasure over her warm reception from the class at the 45th Reunion. Jan's grandchildren live close by and she loves to take them shopping. Frank is fine, but still dislikes traveling, so Jan takes short trips on her own. A highlight of last winter was meeting some Brazilian friends in Switzerland, as she had never been there at that time of year. "I'm taking tennis more seriously in my old age. I take a couple of lessons a week and play as often as possible." ...**Miggles Whittlesey** was appointed to the Vermont State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and is still busy learning the ropes. From time to time Miggles sees Nelson Keables '38, who spends the summer in North Hero. He had happy memories of his 50th last summer. ...**Alice Noppel Knight** wrote that, for one who hasn't managed to get to reunions, the summer of '88 was indeed memorable. "First there was a regrouping at **Laddie Evans**' home in Myrtle Beach in June with **Miggles Whittlesey, Shirley Metcalfe Handforth**, and **Hope Smith Marshburn**. We certainly dredged up some wonderful memories of our freshman year in Hillside. It was a week of non-stop recapturing of the past, reviewing the present, and considering the future. Then in August Miggles set out for Kennebunkport, Maine, where I had rented a cottage on the ocean. We proceeded to Ladd's family camp, a wondrous collection of cabins, docks, recreation building, etc., on the shores of a lovely lake. There must be over 100 members of Laddie's extended family and we met many of them as we enjoyed an elegant lunch/dinner created by their professional gourmet chef. I'm back in Miami now and pursuing a variety of activities—mapping at Fairchild Tropical Garden and handbell-ringing at church are the most pleasurable. My Air Force daughter just had her third boy." ...**Jessie Matthew Diffley** finds it fascinating to be an aide in the English as a second/foreign language program in an elementary school. Her pupils, who are from Egypt, Vietnam, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti, Peru, and China (to name a few), are "delightful, provoking, difficult, and precocious. They are my family, along with older members of their families for whom I act as volunteer translator and interpreter at the County Courts and service offices. I can still fly my own kites and mix my own martinis and travel, by ship, to Copenhagen, Portugal, Greece—Hallelujah!—and visit my lovely daughter." ...**Hope Smith Marshburn** also talked warmly about the reunion in Myrtle Beach with "the Hillside bunch." She said that they all promised each other to be at Midd for the 50th. Wonderful news to hear and report! Hope is busy with grandchildren, bridge, and golf. "A new grandson arrived last September. He is my fourth grand-child and, I'm pretty sure, the last. The total is 3 boys and 1 girl, under 7 years of age." ..."Cape Cod is still a winner," says **Janet Sutliffe Scilipoti**. However, they have an extra reason to visit Midd again since son Tony was married (in August '88 in Portland, Maine) and is settling in the Burlington, Vt., area. ...**Peg Wiley Thomson**, now retired from the school system, finds that she loves working with senior folks. She has three choruses of them every week, in addition to their occasional performances. She also sings with the Sweet Adelines on a weekly basis. Her daughter, Jane, lives and works nearby and her son and family are in St. Paul. Peg adds that her one and only granddaughter entered Eckerd College in Florida this year and is getting fabulous marks. ...After over 20 years of having foster babies on a full-time basis, **Blair Chase Ohaus** is now on emergency status. She takes a foster baby for a week or two when another foster mother is sick or away. Blair is also active on the board of the Visiting Nurse Asssociation and is involved in caring for babies (six weeks old and up) at the day care center at the YMCA. "I am against day care for such little guys, but can't fight it, so I'll go and love them up when I can." They get to Vermont every few months as their son has a vacation house in Stowe and lives in Post Mills. Their oldest is in Pennsylvania, the youngest in Seattle, and "number 3 child" lives in Hoboken and is the president of Ohaus Scale Corporation. Bob is still working, but takes more time off than he formerly did. ...**Dorothy Belperche Chambers**, who lost her husband in October 1977, has become quite involved in church activities and with organizations that serve seniors. Dottie says that her life is quiet but happy with her many friends and neighbors. ...**Jack** and **Jeanne Pearson Malcolm**, retired for 7 years, are leading a very busy life in Florida and spend the summers in Falmouth, Maine. For several years Jack has been treasurer of the Venice Gardens Homeowners Association—very time consuming. Jeanne says that she is making up for deprivation while teaching school: she has joined many groups and is *busy*. Last July 4th they got together with their five grandchildren and great-grandchild in Maine, which was a treat as the the parents of those children live in California, Arizona, and New Hampshire. Jack has problems with emphysema and chronic bronchitis, but Jeanne says that he manages to stay on top of things. "We are looking forward to the 50th Reunion. That year will be our 50th wedding anniversary, as it will be for a lot of our classmates." ...1988 was a roller coaster year for **Al** and **Caroline Butts Dodge**. The "highs" included the birth of their first grandchild and a wonderful trip to Spain and Portugal. The "lows" chiefly involved Allen's health problems, with several trips to several hospitals and finally open heart surgery. "One of the best things has been keeping in touch with so many old college friends via visits, phone calls, and letters. We did make Alumni College as usual and enjoyed it as much as ever." ...Jack and **Helen "Westie" Burbank** spent the early fall of '88 waiting for their son Doug's Everest expedition to get back. They returned—safely—in late October, but "the try for the summit had to be aborted because of high winds, snow, bad winter weather, etc. Doug actually got up as high as any of the climbers, although he wasn't on the summit team.... He set up the highest camp at 15,000 feet but that all blew away. He said his tent was the last to disappear. These higher camps were composed of just a couple of tents for the climbers equipped with food, sleeping bags, warm clothing, and stoves. Anyway, he came back with many pounds of rock and it has to be the experience of a lifetime.... Our greatest joy was talking with Doug three times by satellite. Can you imagine direct dialing to him at Base Camp? It was a thrill. He is now in Cambridge, England, where he will be centered for his sabattical year. As you can imagine that family will be glad to be together again." Doug and his wife—the daughter of Jane and Carrol Rikert, who are well-known to the Middlebury extended family—have two daughters. ...Response to our summer canvass was sufficient to provide several notes of interest. **Dan Armstrong**, who retired in 1977 from Western Electric, moved to Havasu, Ariz., in 1981. At present he heads the local Life Member Club of the Telephone Pioneers of America, and is active in the Golden K Kiawanis Club of Havasu, and the Elks Lodge, as well as serving one day a week at the Community Food Bank. Of his family, he wrote, "Dan Jr. is a pilot for Pan Am Express out of Philly; Sue is a landscape architect in Minneapolis; Kevin is a substitute teacher in Cotati, Calif.; Pam is a Lutheran minister in Meyersdale, Pa.; and wife Carey is recovering from a broken arm." Dan hopes to make the 50th. Don't we all!. ...**Albie Coffrin**, our distinguished jurist, and wife Ann traveled to the Soviet Union in early fall as members of a delegation of American judges to meet their Russian counterparts. Wrote AWC, "We pick up our own tab in case anyone thinks that they, through taxes paid to Uncle Sam, are footing the expedition!" Perish the thought! "Our latest and perhaps last grandchild arrived in June. We now have a total of 9—7 boys and 2 girls. The last was a boy because, as his 5-year-old brother advised, 'My mom does not know how to make girls.'" Albie's 15-year term as a charter trustee for the College, including 12 years as Secretary of the Corporation, expired June 30, 1988. He has now become a member of the Overseers of the College, the group that replaced Trustees Emeriti—"for those who have been put out to pasture." He also announced last summer that he has assumed senior status on the federal bench, a sort of semi-retirement in which he will continue to hear only the cases he chooses. Time for puttering, as 'twere. ...The Littleton Hospital medical staff and the family of the late Dr. **Robert G. Gale** recently announced a new scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating student of the three high schools primarily served by Dr. Gale's Littleton practice. A monetary stipend will be awarded each year to a college-bound senior who best combines high academic scholarship and an active interest in field and stream sports or conservation which Bob exemplified. ...We are sorry to report the death of **Richard Treat**'s wife, Mary Brehaut Treat '42, last December. Our heartfelt condolences to you, Dick, on your profound loss. ...**Howard Hasbrouck**, now retired in Atlanta, Mich., enjoys golf and traveling. "Last year we visited Australia and New Zealand. Last spring we spent some time in Myrtle and Hilton Head, S.C., and plan to tour western states and their national parks...this fall. We made the 45th Reunion, our first, and are looking forward to returning for the big 50th!" ...**Mose** and **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard** attended the September Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf where they wined and dined with **Summy** and **Topsy Wadlund House,** and **Les Ingalls**. Preliminary plans are afoot for the great celebration in 1991. Y'all come! ...**John Hicks** has been elected president of the board of trustees of the Harrison Library in Carmel, Calif., where he and Priscilla now reside. John is also vice president of the Robinson Jeffers House Foundation. His daughter, Alison, has joined the admissions staff at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. John recently heard from **"Duke" Latham**, now retired from dental practice and living in Charlottesville, Va. During a trip back east last June the Hickses met with **Bill** and Helen Rotch '43 **Ferguson** in Milford, N.H. The Fergusons hope to return the visit one day soon in sunny California. As the bard said, "Old friends are best." ...During Alumni College in September **"Dodie" Lathrop Riggs** called from Bread Loaf where she and Ed were attending the course on Gamaliel Painter's Town. There they were joined by **Al** and **Caroline Butts Dodge, Betty Stratton Loomis,** Lois Groben Gilmore '43, Bill Herrman '39, and Dumont Rush '43, scholars all. The Riggses, inveterate travelers, have been to Spain, Portugal, and Scandinavia, and also enjoyed a ship-bus-dome train tour of Alaska, stopping at Skagway, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. They winter in Florida near their son and grandchildren. ...**Ed Loftus** underwent surgery for a femoral aneurysm in January 1988, and two weeks later had a malignant tumor removed from his right lung. Fortunately, his recovery has been good although his activities are understandably limited. We all

wish you the very best, Ed. ...**Bill Markland**, retired, sent no news. We're reassured, however, that you're among us still, Bill. It's the response that counts! ...**Bob Martin**, now two years into retirement, does consulting two days a week (when not away from home in Miami, Fla.) for the Wakenhut Corporation. The Martins again enjoyed 7 weeks in Middlebury in July and August 1988 when Bob had good visits with **Roger Griffith** and **Sid Thomas**. "One daughter and three grandchildren visited Middlebury with us for a week and enjoyed the area so different from Florida, but unfortunately during their stay the weather was more like Florida than Vermont." ...**Aaron Whitlock** retired in 1984 as chief field engineer for Paulsen Wire Rope Corporation. He and wife June have a daughter, Sandra Swetland; a son, Aaron B. III; a grandson, Jeffrey Swetland (Naperville, Ill.); and three granddaughters—Lynn Swetland, attending the University of Illinois, and Kristi and Jamie Whitlock who live in Allentown, Pa. Whit wrote, "June and I are active in our town with church affairs, C.O.A., hospital aid. We play golf, go boating, swimming and have a garden. We spend a month in Florida each winter. Fortunately, our children and their families spend their vacation on Cape Cod with us. We have a very active and pleasant summer. We are enjoying travel. One of the best was 22 days spent in England and Scotland. We are planning a trip to Nova Scotia after Labor Day" ...**Tom Bennett** writes: "After missing our 45th Reunion, I am glad to report that I have been enjoying good health and am looking forward to the 50th (only 2 years away). In the meantime, I expect to get a preview of the events when Dede (Egbert Bennett '39) celebrates with her class of '39. We have an active social life here in Ithaca and participate in many programs offered by Cornell University and Ithaca College. Our travels take us to Ridgefield, Conn., Midland, Mich., and near Washington, D.C., to see our children and grandchildren. We also have enjoyed going on a number of trips sponsored by International Golf to various parts of the world. At home we play tennis year round and golf in season. We have gone on several assignments for the I.E.S.C. to help banks in Chile and Venezuela. ...**Jim Turley**'s daughter, Mary Rose, wed Richard McDevitt in January 1988 in Queens, N.Y., the day after a big snow; despite the drifts, all went well. Jim's eldest son, James A. III, is parts and service manager for an Oldsmobile dealer and hopes to move into sales; number two son, Sean, follows the draper's trade; number one daughter, Elizabeth, still follows the theatrical muse and has had a few bit parts and walk-ons while waiting to be found. Visits from daughter Sue and granddaughter Megan are always a joy. Jim continues to practice law in retirement. He still chairs the board of assessment review in the town of Somers, N.Y.; co-chairs the tax workshop of the Federal Bar Council; and is active with the Consular Law Society, being re-elected trustee and vice president last June. In fall 1988 Jim entered the program for the foundation of the Permanent Diaconate at Dunwoodie Seminary. His wife, Georgie, has become a very accomplished docent at Caramore. "She was going great guns 'til a tick got her and she came down with Lyme disease. Now she is back to fighting strength. So, while the old man with the whiskers is sneaking up on us, we are still wide-eyed and bushy-tailed." ...Of the 91 men in our class for whom we have active addresses, 19 replied to our summer 1988 class letter. What of the rest of you? Come on, guys, put pen to paper and tell it like it is. We only print the truth, especially when you write it!!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 29 Long Reach, Salem, SC 29676.*

We are delighted with your responses to our letter! Here goes with a Readers' Digest version: **Bob Bredenberg**'s new address is 22 Dorlon Drive, Queensburg, NY 12804. He had a hole-in-one at Lake Okeechobee, Fla., last spring. He hikes, bikes, fly fishes, and motor-homes it around New England, and last fall headed west to visit grandchildren in Colorado and California. ...**Dottie Milligan Schuck** has been forced to cancel trips all over because of her husband's illness, surgery, radiation, etc. They had planned to visit **Hope Rood Redway** in England and Harry and **Sue Hulings Ottinger** in Albuquerque. However, they are optimistic and grateful for the years to travel they have had. ...**June Perry Conklin** and Rick had a good trip to the Northwest, including Oregon, Washington, Victoria, and Vancouver. What beautiful countryside! June attends art classes at the community college, golfs, bridges, and gardens. ...**Elma Boyer** is taking advantage of retirement with trips in '88 to Spain, Belgium, France, and Ireland, with plans for New Orleans in spring of '89. She does some computer work two days a week, attended her 50th high school reunion, and is looking forward to the big 50 at Midd. ...**Ruth Montgomery Titsworth** has been traveling to the Islands, Mexico, Europe, China, and Hong Kong. She lives on Seabrook Island (no, Ruth, we're not near you—we're west of Greenville). ...**Hope Rood Redway** is the official welcoming committee in England. Denny and **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** visited Hope and John in both London and Angmering on the sea, so Hope heard all about reunion. She writes that they had a cold summer of '88; '87 wasn't any box of chocolates in northern Europe either. Don't know which is worse, too hot or too cold. ...**Heidi Barrett Corson** wrote that her husband is working again for the U.S Postal Service as medical officer, after retiring from his surgical practice. Their kids are all in their area, one teaching, two in medicine, and the youngest daughter drives an 18-wheeler (which has always been *my* ambition, claims **Jack Bates**, adding "time seems to be running out"). Heidi has gone across country with her a couple of times. ...**Truman Thomas** writes from Deerfield Beach, Fla., that he's working part time but heads for old home in Waldoboro, Maine, in the summer. I think Florida was cooler than Maine last summer. ...**Santa Claus Wishinski** attended a memorable Homecoming. Heavy winds knocked out power, hence no heat or water. At 3 a.m. the snow plows woke everyone up. However, he and Eleanor are in good health and wrote 500 Santa Claus letters, in addition to all his appearances which are booked well in advance of the holiday season. ...**Ann Curtis Wood** wrote that she's coping with papers, house, and trauma since her husband died in April '88. She has spent some long weekends visiting in Washington, D.C., North Carolina, and Massachusetts. She also hopes to make our 50th. Don't we all! ... Claire and **Phil Rifenberg** keep Delaware as their official address, but spend seven months a year at 1160 Kingston Way, Venice, FL 34292. Phil's stamina is much improved. He's bowling again and plans to take up golf again after a 30 year hiatus so he can play in our 50th Reunion tournament. They have scheduled trips to the western national parks for spring of '89. ...**Charles Morse** terminated his architectural practice in 1983 and is now a project coordinator for Connecticut Department of Public Works. Charles joined **Rod Brush** at their 50th reunion at The Gunnery School. Canoeing is his thing—on lakes and rivers, not white water. Daughter Cary is a "training officer" at Georgetown University; her work has to do with placing Central American students in American Universities. ...**Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** report that the aging process is on schedule. They love retirement—such as cruising the Maine coast, helping take a friend's boat from New York to Norfolk, a month at Jensen Beach, and visiting friends and kids. "Found" **Aiden French** at the Mt. Hermon reunion. ...**Jim Ferren** checks in from San Bernadino. He feels just as we do about C.H. Townes' poem. We hope it helps all of us to be better communicators. ...**Phil Lees** lost his wife and wasn't ready to attend our 45th. He spent last February and March at his home in Winter Haven, Fla. For future reference, his phone number is in the book. ...**Bud Moore** is now president of New Hampton School following the appointment of a new headmaster. He recently returned from Spain and Majorca. ...**Bob Rivel** is now retired from the Big Apple. He does keep busy serving on 12 (!) boards. Helen is now the "jock" of the family, having won several prizes at the Gordie Perine '49 Golf Tournament. Bob serves as an overseer for Middlebury. ...**Gus Root** is doing Great Things, as usual. He is organizing groups to go to Honduras to work on all sorts of projects: clean water, health clinics, small business startups, teaching, and publishing a small newsletter. It is exciting and satisfying and provides a chance to share a vital interest with his daughter. ...**Dave Smith** has no sense at all of feeling retired. He spends some time as an economic witness for lawyers, and visits the old family boys' camp. Dave and wife Carol (Hartman Smith '43) had no Halloween tricks or treats on Chipman Hill, so they drove down to Northfield to see a display of over 500 lighted jack-o'-lanterns. Dave reports that ground work is being done between Chi Psi and the Field House for the new performing arts center. ...**Grace Illwitzer Lewis** announces two new grandchildren—six in all (half and half). During their trip west to see their daughter in Denver, they also visited with **Elaine George Schwartz**. Another trip "across the pond" is in the planning stages. They have also been to Oregon to see their son's new home. ...**Hugh Onion** checks in from Rutland, Vt., where he is the working president of a family business. Hugh is on the move (but not far) after a heart arrest in September 1987. Hugh claims business ain't what it used to was. That's the understatement of the year. ...**John Comstock** is a good and faithful communicator, once he gets started. John says Maui has changed since 1945. You don't say! John and Ruth were heading for southern California in the winter. They report their first grandchild. The Comstocks are additional golfers for our 50th reunion. ...**Cliff Fulton** recently retired from the United Bank of Hartford. Super active in local doings, Cliff heads up the United Way and Visiting Nurse Association, as well as serving on two boards of the city. He water skied on his 68th birthday—which sounds like he has lost his marbles. ...**Ed Yeomans** has retired and is taking life with ease. Wife Evelyn had a devilish year with eye problems but is now just about back to normal. Trips to Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital consumed a good part of their year. ...After 30 years of teaching in beautiful Cazenovia, **Parke Wright** and wife Marie picked up stakes and moved to Hendersonville, N.C. (60 miles from your class secretaries), which is a great location with their son in Greenville and their daughter in Knoxville, Tenn. Activities abound so bored they are not. ...**Jack** and **Helen Hooley Young** once again bailed out of Norwich, N.Y., for a winter of Florida (Venice) sunshine.

A visit to Bourbon Street showed Helen some of the finer things in life. Our semi-annual bridge game took place in September (I mention this only because the Bateses were victorious). ...**Bill Livingstone** retired from the ministry in San Diego six years ago, but still serves in a black church on a volunteer basis. He has loved every minute of his 41 years in San Diego. Reading and walking (how about ten miles a day!) are his hobbies. ... Nancy and **Dixie Davis** are on the move again. Their new motor home took them from Florida to Nova Scotia. They were due here for the Duke game, but we had to cancel because of Nancy's bum back. A 1989 West Coast trip is now in the planning stage. ...**Dick** and **Cherry Dionne Files** have winterized their cottage on Mashpee-Wake by Lake Mashpee, Cape Cod, so now are year-round residents. All four children are within 50 miles, enabling them to invade mom and dad every weekend with spouses and seven kids (WOW!). Dick and Cherry are operating a small manufacturing distributorship business of wooden items. They have seen **Chuck** and **Dodie Watson Kitchell** who live nearby. Dick, glad you still remember the name Stanley. ...**Bobbie York Linscott** had such fun at the 45th that she doesn't want to wait until her 50th, suggesting a mini-reunion in '89. We can't oblige, but we'll send you the class list, Bobbie, if you want to plan it. ...**Ann Clark Rodda** had a long bout with pneumonia. Hope she recovered in time for her trip to London and Stratford for theater and Christmas shopping. ...**Elinor Dickie Rankin** continues to do physical therapy for home care. (I could have used you in the fall.) She visited her daughter and grandsons in California and caught up with **Margie Fell Council** and **Joan Calley Cooper**. (Yes, Dutcher is still very active in Montserrat. This will be our 18th year there.) ...**Pat Kane MacFadden** has picked up stakes and now lives in Illinois where she is a secretary to a lawyer. Lives with her two cats, near her daughter, but "has no rocking chair or lavender shawl." Bikes and plays golf and tennis, and says she will miss skiing this winter. However, there are slopes and cross country at Lake Geneva, Wisc. Pat is looking for friends in the area and will welcome visitors at 5 Wheaton Center, # 326, Wheaton, IL 60187. ...**Mary Eimer Leinbach** is active on the golf course and tennis court, sings in church choir, does college consulting, plays bridge with **Meg Buscher Day**, and helps John with Meals on Wheels. John's book, *My God Can Lick Your God* is now in print (Vantage Press). A trip "down under" was being planned for March. That's getting to be a popular vacation spot. ...**Virginia Smith Baker** has retired from her work with childcare/adoptive institutions and public agencies, so has time for travel and golf. She has kids in Tampa (Fla.), Danville and Wheelersburg (Ky.), and has spent a few months in Florida each winter. As of November we were sorry to hear that her husband, Bill, had suffered a stroke. We hope he has fully recovered. ...**Jane Giblin Langey** reported a visit from Bill and **Virgie Witte Miller**. A November trip to Colorado to see family gave Jane and husband Ed '40 a chance to renew acquaintances from the 10 years they lived there. They attended the Midd-Bowdoin game among many Midd fans. Taking their 5-year-old grandson from South Africa to Vermont in the summer, he was most impressed by the worn steps outside Old Chapel. ...**Daphne Smith Burnes** wrote a long note explaining where Zapata, Texas, is: 48 miles south of Laredo. They left Vermont (retaining their summer camp on Lake Champlain) in their travel trailer, heading for the warm, dry climate and a 30-mile lake in southern Texas. The winter population grows by 4,000—mostly from the Midwest. Hope they plan to come to their summer camp early to attend the 50th. We want everyone who can crawl to get there! ...**Becky Harlow Noble** is an active volunteer in the Church Women's Association and as needed in the community. Due to arthritis, she's had to give up sailing and bell ringing, but enjoys reading about what classmates are doing and achieving. With their three children all married, Becky and Phil keep track of the younger generation through their grandchildren. They are impressed by the youngsters of today with the pressures they face and the knowledge they need to absorb. ...**Ray Squire** retired to Maine in 1975 to run an antique business and other related activities, but reentered the mens-wear distributing business five years ago. Ray was remarried in October 1988 and, after short honeymoon in Aruba, started building a new home. Ray plans to make our 50th. ...In October 1988, our deceased classmate **Phil Wisell** was inducted into the Middlebury High School Hall of Fame. ...**Mary Clough Johnstone** is still in Woodstock, Vt. Cluffy's granddaughter, Jill Johnstone '92, entered Middlebury last fall. One is a real grandparent when a grandchild enters college. ... It's always great to hear from a "first timer." **Lucene Slayton Martel** is now living in a retirement community in Lakehurst, N.J. Lucent lost her husband in 1987 after his health had been failing for several years. She is involved with the garden club and goes to the Jersey shore. Son Chuck is a lawyer in New Jersey; daughter Pat is a special Ed teacher in Michigan. Four grandchildren are an important part of her life. ...**Elaine George Schwartz** is another busy retiree. Elaine and husband Don attend courses at Colorado University where Don is about to receive hismaster's degree. They had a fun visit from John and **Grace Illwitzer Lewis** last spring. A great boat trip around the coast of Italy capped their year. ...**Ethel Stark Randall** spent the summer at their cottage on Lake Moraine. Two sons and families, a niece and her husband, plus children visited during the summer. Summer ended on a sad note as her sister, Anne Stark McManus '35, was killed in a car accident after coming from California to celebrate Ethel's birthday. Our condolences to you, Ethel, on your loss. ...**Ellen Holt Erb**'s early November letter reports snow in the New Hampshire mountains. Fred is still doing small animal medicine. ...**Elizabeth Hamann** of Delray Beach sent us a piece entitled "The Before Generation," which we will include in a future mailing. ...**Aiden D. French** has been located. He is now living in Greensboro, N.C. ... Frank and **Jean Dermott Burhans** took the car trip of trips this fall, from Bellvue, Wash., to Mississippi-Florida-Virginia-Connecticut-Massachusetts-Vermont-Ontario-Alberta and home. Their trip included 50th reunion visits with family and friends. ...We're sad to report the December 23, 1988, death of **Mary Brehaut Treat**. A memorial will appear in the next issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*. ...Contrary to previous reports, **Dan Davis** has not retired and has agreed to work one more year (at least). However, he has scheduled a winter cruise out of San Juan. ...**Swede Swenson** was omitted from the deceased list. He is listed in an old directory as missing in action June 12, 1944. He was in the Navy Air Corps. ...**Eddie Gignac** had been listed with the class of '43, although he was killed in the war before he graduated. He has been reinstated with '42. ...**Jean Butterfield Bolm** claims to be free at last—retired. Olaf is semi-retired so they now have more time to see the kids and their families, scattered about in Oregon and California. Jean had a blast at her high school 50th in New Jersey as a warmup for our 50th. ...**Dave Emmons** and Mary have just turned a big page in the book of life. In December Dave became director/chaplain of the Heydon Trust, a Christian Center at Somerset Bridge, Bermuda. Son Steve and family are in Medway, Mass.; son Pete and family in Dayton, Ohio, while Terry lives and works in the Boston area. ...**Coursen Conklin**, having retired from his orthopedic surgery practice in Albuquerque, enjoys having time for his hobbies of woodworking, violin playing, summer home construction, short courses, and travel. He spent part of the summer in Nepal in an "orthopedics overseas" program, visiting relatives in Australia and Tahiti en route home. He had plans for a trip to Vermont and New England in '89 and he will make an effort to come to the 50th. ....**Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates** enjoyed hearing from all of you. Keep up the good work! Our activities included the Danube trip from Vienna to Istanbul and we highly recommend it. The countries in the Eastern bloc are interesting in their economies and attitudes toward mother Russia. We also attended the September Leadership Conference for class secretaries and agents at Midd where we were impressed by the enthusiasm and competence of the officers and faculty. The fall was a bit dismal as Nancy fought arthritis of the spine, but we were planning a December visit with the kids in Florida for Christmas, and then down to Montserrat to escape what winter we have in South Carolina.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A. Cutler Silliman (Kathryn Sempepos), 279 Chestnut St., Fredonia, NY 14063, and Dr. S. Peter Nikitas, 41 Stonehenge Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.*

We saw or heard about many of you at reunion, but we would love to hear from many others. How about a note? ...**Peggy Fiske O'Sullivan** says she is still teaching and may retire in June—"But then may not!" She is busy with local politics, library trustee work, and visiting kids and grandkids scattered around Pennsylvania and Ohio. She advises us to "at this stage, do whatever looks like fun—go for it!" ...Our talented **Jane Botsford Armstrong** has a new address: RR Box 684, Dorset Hill Road, East Dorset, VT 05253. She missed reunion last spring because it conflicted with an opening of her work in New Hampshire. Last summer she had a major retrospective at Saint Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H., and planned to have a similar but smaller show at Middlebury's Johnson Gallery from March 20 to April 30. In October she received the bronze medal at the National Sculpture Society's annual open exhibition in New York City. ...John and **Natalie Dane Richdale** have bought a home in Punta Gorda, Fla., after traveling by camper for almost a year across the country and back, visiting children and grandchildren. They visited **Helen Haldt Hudson** while in California. They will spend six months in Florida and six months in Kennebunk, getting in as much golf as they can. ...**Peter Bohn** (9 Overbrook Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19151) writes: "70 percent retired but still doing some management consulting and active in national and local politics. Best regards." ...**Howard Friedman** (124 Clay St., Thomaston, CT 06787) "Had a splendid 1988 summer south of Yellowstone. We were in the greenest part of the valley, untouched by the fires, but occasionally smoked. Something like Sinai: there were clouds of smoke and pillars of fire at night. But, for me, it was a happy time, running through wilderness areas, reading, and some intense mountain climbing. Since then I have been caught in an undertow of too-many-things-clamoring-to-get-done. In addition to university (Univ.

of Conn.) work (I helped design a new core curriculum) I have been active with the Union of Concerned Scientists and a comparable organization (IPPNU) of philosophers. Regret I missed the reunion, but my wife, Daisy, was having an artificial knee operation done at that time. But, by way of compensation, we're here at the edge of the Litchfield Hills, and when the snow is around the x-country skiing is very nice. Anyone interested is welcome to give us a ring at (203) 283-4485. P.S. My French-born wife, who became a citizen in order to vote, and I, whether we like it or not, have become reliable predictors for the results of the presidential elections. In all but one case, whomever we supported lost. But I suppose this experience is not unique." ...**Page Ufford** says, "I wanted to attend (the 45th) but we were in the middle of selling our house of 33 years and moving into a condominium outside of Wilmington (new address, 3207 Falcon Lane, #320, Wilmington, DE 19808). I retired from DuPont's engineering department after 41 years the end of 1984. Life is different but we travel a lot and I got into volunteer work with commitments that limit our free time. We purchased a summer cottage on the New York side of Lake Champlain about five years ago to get away from Delaware's summer heat and humidity. We not only have a full view of Vermont and the Green Mountains, but are close enough to visit the College Bookstore and friends several times during the summer. I hope to see you all at our 50th." ...**George B. (Joe) Steel** is "still working 22 hours a day. Two sons in our business (Planned Investment Company Inc.) with me. We travel as much as possible: Greenland, Australia, Hudson Bay Area—polar bears and whales—Iceland. England on the *QE2* last year. Visited Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, this year and had opportunity to fly on a KC135 USAF tanker and refuel a B-1 on flight to California. In last few years have seen and kept in touch with Mike Kolligian '44 (my old roommate), **Nellie Roberts**, and **Al** and **Lonnie Herron Hadley**. See a few Middites and Middettes in Indianapolis. Love the Midwest and Indiana. If you're in the area, please call. We are in the Indianapolis book. The hottest (not in degrees) town in the USA—500 Race, PanAm games, Colts, etc. Beautiful cornfields, not too many dangerous hills and mountains. Pete, it has been 700 years since I ran into you in LaGuardia Airport."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles A. Brown (Elizabeth Broadbent), 625 Cedar Lane, Villanova, PA 19085, and Dr. George S. Harris, Jr., RFD 1, Box 199A, Laconia, NH 03246.*

There has been a great initial response to the Class Letter inviting us to attend our 45th Reunion June 2-4, 1989, at Middlebury. You should each receive a mailing, including a list of those who have signed up so far, plus a rundown of the activities being planned by our committee chairs. **Dave Stebbins** and **Janet Harris deMoll** are heading the telephone committee; **John Cadwell** is headquarters coordinator; **Horace "Dutch" Depodwin** has agreed to be registration coordinator; and banquet coordinator is **Shirley West Johnson** with Dr. **George (Pete) Harris**. **Robert "Bobo" Sheehan** with **Edie Lee Beckwith** will mastermind our activities. Vermont is beautiful in the spring, and we urge as many as can to join us 65-year-olds to renew friendships, find out what we've all been doing for the past 45 years, and what each of us is planning for the next five! ... Les and **Bobo Sheehan** (459 Sunningdale, Rancho Mirage, CA 92290) are avid daily golfers who (obviously) follow closely the fortunes of their daughter Patty on the women's golf circuit. Bobo was in close touch with Arthur Pepin '47 (originally in our class) who is doing very well after his heart transplant, and has also been out to play golf with Bobo. Bobo planned another ski tour to Verbier, Switzerland, again this winter. ... Although **John B. Cadwell**, like many of us, is now on the shady side of 65, he has chosen to remain active in his insurance business. He and Mary are very active and busy, and manage a good trip on a yearly basis. ...**Horace Depodwin** is another one who has elected to remain busy in his teaching. I had some difficulty contacting Dutch because he was out so many evenings. His wife, Carolyn Olander Depodwin '43, and he both seem in excellent health and spirits. ...From the Media (Pa.) newspaper we learn "**Janet deMoll** has joined Roach Brothers Realtors as a real estate agent in the company's Media office. She is a member of the Delaware County Board of Realtors and the Swarthmore Friends Meeting."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Winslow Wetherbee, Jr. (Barbara Boyden), 1642 18th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, and Will J. Bangs, 119 Bingham Road, Carlisle, MA 01741.*

Audrey Nunnemacher Pertl spent Christmas 1986 in Sydney, Australia, visiting her oldest son and his family. Christmas Day on Bondi Beach with her new granddaughter was an unforgettable treat. She also spent three weeks touring New Zealand in a rental car and found the land fascinating. ...**Helena Cioffi Stoffel** retired from Eastern Airlines in August 1987. In January 1988 she had back surgery, but by May she and her husband drove cross country for the first time in their lives. They attended the wedding of their youngest son, Robert, in South Pasadena. He is in his last year of residency in anesthesiology at USC Medical School. Most of their summer was spent at Canandaigua Lake, N.Y. After living overseas for 15 years and traveling all over the world, Helena has great enthusiasm for seeing our own great country. And she has only just begun! ...**Kay Holbrook Nicol** set a new record. Our letter to her looking for news, postmarked April 22, arrived in Islington, Ontario, on June 20. She says she has no more news, but at our age figures no news is good news. ... For 13 years, **Elizabeth "Ibby" Jones Glover** has been involved as both an employee and a volunteer at St. Monica's Home, a mission of the Society of St. Margaret which is located in the old William Lloyd Garrison House in Roxbury, Mass. Founded as a small hospital for black women and children, the Home has grown to a full-fledged, integrated, nursing home, and celebrated its centennial in 1988. Ibby is now retired and living quietly. ...**Charlotte Hickcox** was a guest of the American Board of Anesthesiology in Washington in September at the celebration of their 50 years of existence. Char was with them for 30 of those years (1950-1980) as secretary to the director. All of the former and current directors were invited. Char's brother, Curtiss '34, was the oldest former director in attendance, having been elected to the board in 1938. On Saturday evening 80 of them, in gala formal attire, were transported in gray limousines to the Folger Shakespeare Library for a Tudor style evening. They enjoyed a sumptuous banquet in the Great Hall of the library. Char loved seeing all her old friends again. She said they were more like brothers than bosses to her. ...**Phyllis Noble** writes that she retired from Bankers Trust Company at 62 and thought she'd be leading a leisurely life. Not so! She is now acting church secretary and helping to search for a pastor; busy as a beaver and loving every minute of it. She also travels with friends and recommends early retirement to everyone. ...**Dave Palmstrom** writes that he took a new job a year and a half ago as medical director of Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio, a 286-bed community hospital. He reports he's taken on a lot of managerial roles that are quite foreign to an old family doctor. He had anticipated turning his practice over to someone but, when he wrote, that had not yet occurred. So now he has two jobs instead of one! He and **Jane (Robertson)** are both very busy, in good health, and looking forward to our next reunion. ...**Reinhard Speck** attended a Middlebury reception at the World Trade Center in San Francisco on July 7, 1988. ...In September, **Baba Boyden Wetherbee** and husband Win visited **Charlotte Hickcox** at her home in Wethersfield, Conn. It was a great time of reminiscing, sightseeing, and picking raspberries in the rain. Win gave instructions on how to shoot craps, but we hope that no one bets his lifesavings at the table. ...**Ruth Reynolds Simon**'s husband, Ernie, retired from the ministry of the United Church of Christ in June 1986. They have since moved to the Uplands Retirement Community in Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, where they bought and renovated a lovely house in a woodsy setting. Both of their sons have earned doctorates in music. They have one daughter-in-law, but as yet no grandchildren. ...**Wilma Bunce Clements**, known to 45'ers as "Wink," has been in Pensacola, Fla., since summer 1979. She and husband Danny enjoy the casual living, outdoor recreation (mostly golf), mild winters, and lovely springs and autumns. When the summers get too hot, they take time to visit their five children and five grandchildren scattered from Colorado to Ohio to New Jersey to Alabama. Wink says if anyone is on I-10 going to Pensacola to call and they'd be glad to show you around the town. ...Hope you all read the *Middlebury Campaign Reporter* last November. There was a nice picture of a group of '45ers who attended the Homecoming '88 banquet, including **Charlotte Hickcox, Robin Willits, Bill** and **Marilyn Knust Calder,** Don and **Paula Knight Jeffries**, and Judy and **Will Bangs** with daughter Martha '87 and her roommate. The weekend, celebrating the Campaign reaching the $63 million mark, was a good time for all.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Roy E. Coombs, Jr. (Fran Tenney), 30 Fern Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, and Mrs. Albert S. Johnston (Eileen Luz), 54 Old Army Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.*

"You *can* go home again" are the words **Mary Nasmith Means** used to describe her feelings when she returned to China. Mary's dad was a missionary in China and Mary and her family were returning to visit the scenes of their childhood. Mary organized an 8-city tour for eight members of the Nasmith family, plus twelve others; Pacific Delight, a tour company, took care of the details. To quote Mary, "It was wonderful to be in Shanghai again. We were able to walk to the old 'Shanghai American School'—now some sort of marine institute. The authorities let us onto the grounds and we were able to take pictures of the administration building which looked as it always did, but the school grounds were completely changed with new buildings sprouting everywhere, no more hockey fields, tennis courts, football fields,

track, or green lawns. My brother and oldest sister had graduated from the Shanghai American School and we all went there to boarding school when we were in the 7th grade. I had always hoped to graduate from S.A.S, but in the summer of 1941 the U.S. State Department did not permit women and children to return to China (our family came home during the summer of 1940 on furlough) and Dad was caught over there during Pearl Harbor and was imprisoned in a Japanese prison camp for seven months." Mary also enjoyed visiting Shaoxing, the old canal-lined city of her childhood. Supposedly Marco Polo pronounced Shaoxing the "Venice of China." "We had a reunion with our old playmate whom we hadn't seen since 1937 and it was a very emotional scene. We were able to see our former residence, now a civil court, and walk up the steep steps to the top of the pagoda near our house on South Street. As the days went by the language started to come back, mostly phrases for me, but it was exciting to start to remember the local Shaoxing dialect after 51 years! Everywhere we went we were welcomed with open arms. We visited the mountain resort, Mokansan, where my parents had built a summer home, and the guards opened the house for us. Incidentally, the house is in excellent shape and apparently is used only during the summers. The tennis courts are gone—now an experimental bamboo grove—but the swimming pool is obviously used during the summers. What was the community church is now used as a recreational hall, but the basement appeared to house several families. This seemed rather odd as they were even using the church pews which were covered with blankets." The group went on to several other cities and saw many tourist attractions, including the incredible terra cotta warriors. While in China, Mary's niece, who is the mother of a 2-year-old, noticed that she did not see many young children; evidently the government policy of one child per couple is strictly followed. Mary concluded, "We were all so glad we went. I'm starting to think that I'd like to go back in a couple of years, so we'll see." ...While **Rod Adams Beetle** now boasts three granddaughters of various ages, **Gloria Moore Higgins**' oldest is graduating from high school in June. **Smiley's (Ruth Riley Wendell)** daughter Phyllis Wendell Mackey '78 had a boy in August. ...I was glad when **Barbara Tousley Hyde** answered her phone. The Hydes have four children and two grandchildren. Barb and her husband have left the ice and snow of Saranac Lake, spending the last eight or nine winters in Florida. Now that their son, youngest daughter, and son-in-law are on the staff of their family business, the Hydes plan to drive their GMC motor home to Florida for a stay and then perhaps travel west by the southern route. They visit with **Walt** and **Jane Billings Webb** about once a year and hope to make our 45th Reunion. ...A letter from Bill Desmond '43 corrected some mistakes in the fall column. Bill taught English at Nyack High School for 31 years, coaching three sports during a good part of that time. Bill did not go skiing with Kelly in Switzerland—he is a cross-country skier and until recently enjoyed skiing on their 95 acres. He still enjoys watching the diverse wildlife, deer, black bear, coyote, fisher, otter, mink, ermine, bald eagle, turkey and snowshoe rabbit. ...Ever since I (**Eileen Luz Johnston**) had a lumpectomy and the follow-up radiation therapy, I have been telling female friends and acquaintances to be sure to follow the advice of their doctor and the American Cancer Society. Have a mammogram (once a year if over 50) and, just as important, examine your breasts on a regular monthly basis. If you or a loved one is one of the ten Americans who are diagnosed as having cancer of the breast, remember that early detection does help. ...What would we do without **Chris Becker Hutchinson**? Once again she worked on the Phone-a-thon and found our '46 classmates a joy to call. She feels sure there is still a glimmer of class spirit. Isn't this the purpose of our notes column? Keep in touch!

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Class Secretaries: *Rev. and Mrs. George H. Booth (Joanne Buckeridge), 3515 N. Washington Blvd., #401, Arlington, VA 22201.*

After 4-1/2 years in Zambia, **Jean Mace Beswick** (309 39th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 48112) and husband Tony are heading for a series of international assignments. "Tony was project coordinator and technical adviser to the Zambia Air Service Institute under the International Civil Aviation Organization. At present we are in Bhutan on an evaluation mission for the ICAO, setting up a project in this fabulous mountain kingdom! We expect to go to headquarters in Montreal the end of October for about a year—and while there I hope to have the chance to see Middlebury again and renew acquaintances after many years!" ...Bud and **Nancy Fitz Smith** have the "best of both worlds" as they go from wintering in Rochester, N.Y., to their summer place at "The Point" on Little Sebago Lake, Maine. Over the years, Nancy and Bud have hosted many international visitors, and Nancy has reproduced the beauty of Maine through her watercolors. They recently completed a trip to the Far East where the highlight of their tour was their visit with son Mark '75 in Thailand. Nancy continues to work on her French and has found this a great help in understanding the people and culture of France. In late summer, **George** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** visited with Nancy and Bud at their recently-renovated cottage, exchanging tales of Maine and Middlebury.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Benjamin L. Smith (Fran Van Cleve), P.O. Box 1307, Pahrump, NV 89041, and Stewart Washburn, 60 Lakeview Place, Fairfield, CT 06430.*

Joining the ranks of the more leisurely are **Dan** and **Joan Tyler Gilbert**. For 35 years, young people at Moravian College have studied American history with and been counseled by Dan, the senior member of the history department. Now he has been appointed archivist of the college—"a real challenge since there have been no archives to date!" He plans to teach part time and also will continue as lay member of the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (the Pennsylvania Bar members' conduct-monitoring agency). Principal among Joan's activities is her continuing contribution to church programs for "older adults." Their home is still in Bethlehem, Pa. ...With six years of experience in retirement accumulated, architect **Herb Mayer** opines, in reference to the Woodstock, N.Y., house in which he and Ann have lived for 22 years, "now we ought to finish it!" He is now self-employed (part time) in residential design and—you guessed it—has been granted a building permit for the construction of their own new abode. ...**Bart Nourse** was bouncing his 2-month-old granddaughter on his knee when **Stew Washburn** called. His granddaughter is the daughter of '79 class secretary Tiffany Nourse Sargent. Bart and Tiff (Clark '47) have been in Brewster, Mass., since his retirement in '85. Bart chairs the building committee for a $4-million elementary school addition. His other major activity involves the small, dimpled, white ball: "frustrating on occasion," he volunteers, "but even a banana slice off the first tee beats working for a living!" ...We are glad to be able to report on the lives of a *few* retired '48ers, but we want to encourage correspondence from ALL.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. George A. Platt (Rachel Adkins), 682 Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY 14534, and John H. Valentine, Jr., 566 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741.*

Come one, come all, to our 40th Reunion June 2-4, 1989! Renew old acquaintances. Catch up on all the news. As of December 1 we had 85 responses of "Yes" or "Maybe." Call your college roommates, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, team buddies, etc., and encourage them to join you and all of us for a great weekend. ...Congratulations to Nancy and **Spencer Wright** on the birth of their first grandchild, Zoe Wright-Neil, who is the daughter of Lesley Wright '77. She arrived on September 7, 1988. Also, a news release from Proctor Academy in New Hampshire informs us that "The Spencer V. Wright chair for History and Economics has been established to support a teaching salary in the history department at Proctor in recognition of Spencer Wright's 20 years of loving service and dedication to Proctor Academy." It appears "Spence" has made a great impact on the school, not only through his teaching but in many other ways. In June of 1987 he was made an honorary member of Proctor's class of '62. He also served as director of athletics from 1952-1971. I (**Rachel Adkins Platt**) particularly enjoyed this line describing Spence: "Funloving and irrepressible, his exploits are legendary among his admirers." ...This fall I had the pleasure of sitting on the deck of **Barbara "Buzz" Myers White's** summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee, chatting about changes in her life. She has just moved to 7 Simsbury Road, West Granby, CT 06090. She is absolutely delighted with her new location and her eyes sparkled when she talked about her lovely retreat-like backyard where she can sit by the stream amidst the pine trees. ...See you all in June!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert T. Davison (Jacqueline Brooks), 86 Spring St., Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-3282), and Dexter C. Whittinghill, Jr., 24 Burroughs Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-7738).*

Class Secretary **Dex Whittinghill** and Class Agent **Sid Kay** spent a delightful weekend in September as guests of the College. Many useful meetings were scheduled but time was found for that equally necessary game: golf. The speech Saturday morning by President Robison was of particular interest with its description of a Soviet-U.S. college student exchange program promoted and organized by Dr. Robison. During August 56 Soviet students had a month's orientation period at Midd in preparation for their tuition-paid year at various U.S. universities and colleges. Midd received three students from three different Soviet republics. ...Frank and **Barbara Kraft Packer** attended Alumni College at Bread Loaf at the end of summer. Barbara attended "The Gorbachev Revolution"

seminar and met the three Midd Soviet students. She found that their English was very good and that they came from very different backgrounds and experiences. Barbara, who still lives in Summit, N.J., has been teaching ESL (English as a second language) for the past ten years. She has 15 students but must travel to five different schools to teach on levels ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. Many of her students are the offspring of Korean parents who are here in high-tech industries for a few years. Others are from Japan and Vietnam, and she teaches two adopted children from El Salvador. It is difficult for Oriental students who must learn a totally different alphabet system as well as trying to untangle our illogical ways of spelling. Oriental interests pervade Barbara's life, as one of her sons is engaged to a Korean he met while studying at Tokyo University on a fellowship, and her oldest daughter lives in Singapore, where she is married to a Malaysian and teaches math at the National University. Barbara's second daughter is a lawyer married to a lawyer; they have two children and live in Brooklyn, N.Y. ...Calling **Jeanne Thompson Cook**, I (**Jacqueline Brooks Davison**) was delighted to find that she is still a night-owl and so we settled down for a substantial chat. Jeanne is a program director of the Senior Center in Lansdale, Pa., which has a membership of 1,500 active retirees with 200 participating each day. She supervises the staff, conducts workshops, plans programs, does the scheduling, and writes the monthly newsletter. Jeanne credits her excellent Midd liberal arts background as the perfect preparation for her challenging job. Cutting back a bit on her many other activities, Jeanne still enjoys her gourmet group, her bridge group, and AAUW, where she once was a state officer. With Lansdale only 25 miles from Philadelphia and with good train service, she enjoys the advantages of a big city while enjoying suburban life. Family includes a married son in Houston, Texas, with three children; one daughter living at home; and two daughters working in Syracuse, N.Y., where they went to the university. As a fourth generation Midd graduate, Jeanne puts our 40th in 1990 on her must-do list. ...Finding it way past an acceptable time in the East to call even your sister-in-law, I called Newhall, Calif., to find **Jane Terpening Hanson** willing to tell all—at least up to a point. Jane has been in California since 1959. Jane and husband Tom built their home, 40 miles from north L.A., in 1962. Jane is fortunate to work only seven miles from home at Sunoco Oil, where she has been a staff associate for nine years in the engineering department, doing research and graphics. Jane is a member of AAUW and last year caught up with the Midd choir performance in Pasadena. She said it brought back fond memories of the "singing" class of '50. Jane has been back to the East only to attend her three kids' graduations at Duke, Mt. Hoyoke, and Cornell. A confirmed Valley Girl, Jane does admit to missing New England. ...**Jackie D.** found her travels to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest an interesting experience in contrasts—especially in Prague where she was caught up in a protest demonstration and was hosed down by a water cannon. So much for Eastern block sight-seeing! ...Caught a retired **Bill Wallace** (55 Ponderosa Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215; 315-475-3584) between halves of the Bills-Jets game. "Single" for the last ten years, after 24 years of marriage, Bill's life centers around his three grown children and two grandchildren. After Midd, Bill's agenda included State College at Albany for certification to teach at Saranac Lake High School where he became ski coach. Later an M.S. in public administration led to 25 years of urban renewal and commercial real estate service to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County. A 1976 skateboard accident resulted in several broken-hip pins, but enough healing allows aggressive downhill and cross-country skiing again. The sailing of earlier years has given way to some golf and daily walking for toning. Health good, but not much travel due to "those ole fixed income restrictions and many local benefits." His Concord, N.H., married daughter was on Governor Sununu's citizen service staff and "saw some real political excitement." Bill has also "become a real trivia buff." We expect to see him at the 40th and remind him that **Chuck Wright** is a trivia nut, too. ...Based on our call to 617-758-4288, **Natalie Richards** certainly receives our saint-of-the-semester award for '88. After many years of rewarding elementary school teaching at the 2nd-to-4th-grade level, Nat is "on leave" to better care full time for her 94-year-old mother next door. Too bad we all don't live nearer to Mattapoisett, Mass., (P.O. Box 777, 02739) to share the repeating chores and brighten the outlook. She is "still able to handle some tutoring assignments, and get away on some walking tours with friends and neighbors." Best wishes, Nat—don't forget to buy that town map and explore all local back roads, etc. ...Found **Mayer Simon** and wife Maxine about 1-1/2 years into retirement, following a long career in engineering and purchasing with Pratt-Whitney. Future plans include a Florida move, but "things are smooth" at 142 King Philip Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117 (203-523-5008). "Both kids are married, and we have a grandchild in Denver." Weekly men's club afternoons feature lectures, gin rummy, and bridge to keep the mind active. Daily distance-walking and some golf keep the body spry. "Not sure about the 40th," but maybe former classmates will call with mini-reunion ideas/invitations. ...Nearby at 258 Kesteven Court, Meridan, CT 06450, **James Sheehan**, with Millie (Moore '46), works daily at United Technology's Pratt-Whitney Division where he is "much involved in quality assurance special assignments/projects at the Middletown plant." As a liberated-from-household-chores condo owner, Jimbo's avocations center around four successfully reared children and 13 very active grandchildren. Their annual two-week family reunions continue at Barton, Vt. Extreme pride and joy goes into rooting niece Patti (Sheehan) to ever higher LPGA achievements, e.g., 1988 Mazda Lady Golfer of the Year. Encourage them to accept retirement soon and ward off their fears of chronic house-potatoism at 203-237-2492. ...The September 24 *Newport (R.I.) Daily News* reported **Richard Champlin**'s promotion as 34th librarian (director) of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, "the country's oldest continuously-used library. Champlin had been assistant librarian, having joined the staff in 1951. Richard is knowledgeable about all facets of Newport, is a botanist, and has written extensively on the history of Newport." Dick's book on the trees of Newport was published in 1976. Thornton Wilder, author of *Our Town*, was a frequent visitor during his stays in Newport, as was T.S. Matthews, former editor of *Time* magazine. Many prestigious benefactors have enabled the library to add a sizable addition recently. Congratulations, Richard, on your success, and best wishes for your future with such prestigious tradition. He lives on Priscilla Road, Jamestown, RI 02835 (401-423-0932). ..."Can Back Bay elegance find success at 57th and Lexington?" was the subtitle in a September 1 *New York Times* article on **Murray Pearlstein**'s Louis of Boston clothing store's major expansion/opening in NYC. Referred to as Boston's best-known men's store, the "handsomely-appointed NYC establishment occupies the first three floors of a new office tower" where "it's a question of luring people away from Bloomingdale's or Barney's" which will require a wow factor. It's "dramatic setting" includes "mahogany panelling," "polished granite floors," "chandeliers from a demolished train station" with a "sweeping staircase beneath a fresco-covered atrium." Murray's grandfather (the "Looie" in Louis of Boston) opened a pawn shop in the 1890s; Murray's father and uncle turned the shop into a men's clothing store. The NYC store will be devoted to "clothing, accessories and sportswear inspired by the 1930s and '40s." All garments are made of Italian or English fabric. Women's clothing, now 20 percent of volume, entered in the mid-'70s under the direction of Murray's 34-year-old daughter, Nancy. The store gets high marks for service from customers and, as one customer put it, "the price is commensurate with quality and service." A suit might cost $1,100-1,200; a tie might be $50-60; and an Italian cotton shirt $135-150. "I wince sometimes," says Murray, "but, if you want quality and great service, there's a price for it." Best wishes for more success, Looie—errr, excuse me, Murray!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Higgins, Jr. (Jean Maintain), 44 Cabot St., Winchester, MA 01890, and Benito G. Barsanti, 70 Plymouth Road, Wakefield, MA 01880.*

Ed and **Jean Maintain Higgins** were able to return to Middlebury on two occasions last fall. With many thanks to **Betty Gale Woods** as our guide and hostess, **Joannie Allen Armour, Ellie Hight Morris**, and Jean had a wonderful luncheon and tour of Burlington, the city where Betty is #1 full-time volunteer—she is a director of the Howard Bank, a trustee of the Vermont Health Foundation, and she also helps out with the Visiting Nurse Association and the United Way. In her free time, when not sailing with husband Joe on his Tartan 31, Betty is busy piling up tennis trophies, competing in both the district and regional championships. ...We also renewed acquaintance with **Lois Behrman Watson**. Lois is ecstatic to have inherited four children and ten grandchildren with her marriage to Harvey Watson, who is a former Vermont senior amateur U.S.G.A. champion. Lois has sold her airplane (after piloting it herself to the Dominican Republic on their honeymoon) and is now in the process of taking helicopter lessons. May through October they live in Vermont (P.O. Box 511, Woodstock, VT 05091), spending winters in Miami (P.O. Box 330502, Miami, FL 33133). They return to the Northeast for Christmas with suitcases filled with gifts for the children, returning to Florida laden with the fall harvest from their Vermont garden. ...It was also nice to see **Bob** and Adrienne Littlewood '57 **Delaney**. We hope on our next trip to Middlebury to see their new home in New Haven, Vt. ...Wally and **Janie Walker Nutting** are retired—with a "?" which seems to denote that they are busier than ever. They are living on the coast of Maine (Box 96, Biddeford Pool, 04006) and may be surprised to receive a call from the Higginses one day. ...After 37 years of teaching languages at the Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., **Bruce Burdett** has retired. He and wife Peggy (Stearns '50) have moved to their former vacation home in Sunapee, N.H. They have three children (son Douglas graduated from Middlebury in '87) and three grandchildren. Before leaving his post as chair of the modern foreign language department, Bruce was honored with the Swan Award from WALKS,

an association of area independent schools, for his outstanding work in developing character and leadership in students. Bruce's wide range of interests (writing poetry, building furniture, keeping bees, hunting, fishing, gardening, birdwatching), as well as his strong interest in other cultures and travel, should serve him well while on a new tack away from academia. ...Anne and **Alec Marshall** have big family reunions in Truro on Cape Cod and travel about four months of the year—mostly chasing their children and grandchildren around the globe. ...During our tenure as class secretaries we would like to be able to mention each member of our class at least once in this column, so please send us a quick note as soon as you receive Benny's next letter. Many thanks!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert Francoeur (Mary Halsted), 456 Gurney, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, and Al Mutti, 57 Crooked Trail Road, Rowayton, CT 06853.*

John Bowker recently toured the Tampa and Ocala, Fla., areas in search of a possible retirement location for the early 1990s. He has a 32-foot RV, which he and wife Linda find very much to their liking. In addition to Florida, they have motored to Valparaiso, Indiana, to visit two of their children, both of whom are in banking in Chicago. They have two grandchildren there and two more in Cranston, R.I., another of their destinations. He also toured to Middlebury recently for a high school reunion. ...Last summer **Ken Nourse** spent a week golfing at the Turtle Bay Hilton Country Club in Oahu, and a second week at Wailea on Maui. Not only was the golf great, but the scenery was also beautiful, as I (**Al Mutti**) have heard from many visitors to Hawaii. He recommends the trip to all. Ken is trying to lower his golf handicap below 15 but, like many other golfers, is having difficulty doing so. He is still director of admissions at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where he reports that **Dick Marlette** has a nephew who is a fine hockey player. Ken has also heard from **Roger Handy** who recently embarked on a new business venture. ...The Muttis have limited their travel to the continental U.S., touring Williamsburg, Va., Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., where **Dick Eddy** has a condo at the Landings on Skidaway Island. The Landings is lovely if you're looking for a great tennis and golf community; and Savannah is a picturesque southern city. Dick and wife Joyce expect to retire there within the next few years. Bob Kelly, '53 class secretary, has bought a lot there for future development, and Ralph Eddy '50 has already retired there. Myrtle Beach, which has been a haven for golfers for many years, has several golf courses under construction and is experiencing a tremendous golfing boom. Our trip also took us to Palm Beach and the PGA National Golf Club, another superb tennis and golf mecca. ...**Joe Davis** reports from Tokyo that he is still traveling frequently to places like Phoenix, Ariz., and Rowayton, Conn., his home. He was in Rowayton for Thanksgiving, but then left for Massachusetts and New Hampshire to visit children and relatives. **Bob Bruns** has been named director of data services for Perkin Elmer Corporation in Wilton, Conn. His son, Robert '77, and wife Paula, have provided two grandchildren—Katie (4) and Ben (17 months). ... During a recent visit to California, I (**Mary Halsted Francoeur**) visited overnight with **Lindy Pahner Christie**, who is retired after 20 years as a primary school teacher and is writing her second book. She *offered* to help with the '52 column as a West Coast representative. Anyone who sends news to Lindy will be able to read it in the *Magazine*, written in Lindy's inimitable style. Lindy's address is 2947 Cloudcrest Drive, La Crescenta, CA 91214. How about similar offers from those of you in other parts of the country? ...**Betty Pierce Edson** is happily serving the Sharon Congregational Church U.C.C. as parish pastor while enjoying her husband Dave's semi-retirement. She would like to hear from **Phil Dixon** at RR1, Box 1, Sharon, VT 05065. ...**Peg Lewis West** works part time doing appraisals, auctions, and house sales, but she finds plenty of time for skiing, gardening, and entertaining grandchildren. ...**Caryl Entwistle Huffaker** has been writing and traveling extensively, but returns to pick up her mail at 709 Rosedale Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. She hopes to find letters from **Betty Parker Burrows** and **Bill Cathcart**. ...**Alice Thor Pianfetti** says she has no occupation but she has developed land sub-division with her husband who is president of a bank service company. She travels as much as possible, frequently to England and East Africa, and has also gone to the Galapagos Islands, the USSR, and Europe. She also reads all the things she never had time to read and writes about East Africa and various types of poetry. ...**Jeanne Duvall**'s new address is 725 Barn St., Jacksonville, NC 28540. Jeanne was a bank teller for six years while she was caring for her mother, who is now deceased. Jeanne decided to complete her teaching career and returned to Camp Lejeune to teaching for another eight years until retirement. ...**Rosemary Dellinger Garner** claims she is "dull and happy and grandmotherly all year except for travel weeks." On one trip she and husband Bud went to Australia and New Zealand; in July they went to Cambridge to study espionage! She wishes **Jackie Kay Schlosser, Judy Webster Barton**, and **Tan Russell Potter** would write her at 28 Woodstone Square, Austin, TX 78703. **Carol Brautigam Andrews** has been in the cottage furniture business at Cannon Crossing in Wilton, Conn., for the last 11 years. According to an article on her in the Bethel (Conn.) *Home News*, cottage furniture is simple, utilitarian, pine furniture which was originally painted in ugly browns, greens, and yellows. Carol has made a specialty in stripping down the furniture, especially cottage chests, which she then stains and either waxes or polyurethanes. If you visit the shop you will see that her expertise goes beyond furniture into kitchen gadgets, stuffed dolls, and animals, as well as advertising boxes in tin and wood. Sounds like a visit there would be a lot of fun. ...I wish you'd *all* write me at my above address to share your news and lives so we can continue to keep everyone in touch.

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Class Secretary: *Robert C. Kelly, 7 Governor's Lane, Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Neil Sheehan writes from Turin, Italy, that he and Jean are enjoying their second year of teaching abroad. They spent much of the summer traveling throughout Europe with their children and other relatives. Neil has become a Red Sox fan since Joe Morgan took over as manager. Neil played with Joe in the Army back in the dark ages (the '50s). ...**Randy Rice** is in his 7th year as supervising chaplain at Presbyterian Hospital Chemical Dependency Unit in Oklahoma City. He recently purchased an old farmhouse in Lincoln, Vt., hoping to move there before the end of 1989. Who would believe that four members of our class would end up with homes in Lincoln, Vermont? ...**Joann Cutting Child** reports that she and husband John are enjoying life in South Burlington. Last year they moved from their classic colonial home on lower Brewer Parkway to a one-story rambler on upper Brewer Parkway (#48). Their one-acre wooded lot adjoins UVM property with lovely walking trails. John teaches at the South Burlington Middle School; Joann has retired. Son John, a 1977 Williams graduate, is the computer systems manager for Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett in Cambridge, Mass. ...**Charles Mraz** lives 12,500 miles from Middlebury, in Singapore, where he heads the regional office for six countries for McDonnell Douglas. He spent seven years in Tokyo, then five in Washington, D.C., and L.A. before returning to Asia. He says if you like rain and heat "You all come, hear?" to visit them in their five-bedroom, seven-bathroom "bungalow" (14 B Swiss Club Road, Singapore 1128, Republic of Singapore). ...**Alton Bassett** bought a new sailing vessel and named it *Serenity*. He hopes to retire soon from J & J if he can work the right deal. Then it's off on the boat. ...**Joe Mix** and wife Lin live in Beaufort, S.C., where, according to the *Beaufort Gazette*, Joe has retired from his retirement. He is very active in several businesses, particularly his Island Outfitters, as well as the Boys' Club. He has been a member of the county planning commission for two years. ...**Louise Sammons Roddy** reports from Kailua, Hawaii, that she is retired and travels and relaxes a lot. She mentions three children and three grandchildren. ...**Alan Kimbell** ends his enlistment with the Indiana government at the end of this year and will return to a more active role in several small businesses he has interests in. One of them was taking him to Costa Rica for a month or so during the winter. Alan has promised me that he will get more of his fraternity brothers back for our next reunion. ...**Robert Prosser** was married October 10, 1987, to Judith Stanley. They live in Englewood, N.J., but will be moving soon to Rumson. Bob has three children—Rob (31), Scott (29), and Anne (27); two grandchildren—Ashley (4) and Eddy (7); and two step-children—Cooper (15) and Lindsay (13). ...**George "Joe" Peck** says he has no news to report since I already mentioned in an earlier edition that he left his old company and started working with Kohlberg & Company. He commutes from New York to Manchester Center, Vt., every weekend, but apparently spends most of the weekend working. I never could get him to do that back when he and I washed dishes at Chi Psi. ...Two months ago I would have bet that I would never move from 39 Brewer Parkway. But one Sunday in early October I was returning from Mad River Glen and just happened to drive down an out-of-the-way street only to find a "for sale" sign on a house which my wife has admired for many years. The house is high above Lake Champlain and overlooks both the lake and the Adirondacks across the lake. Needless to say, this location with 9-plus acres and an adjoining lot of ten-plus acres was far more than an unemployed, over-the-hill CPA could afford, but I gathered up my wife's and kids' inheritances and bought it anyway. I'm going to have to sell off the extra lot in order to avoid insolvency, but in the meantime we are enjoying our new home. We moved from a cape style house nestled in the trees to a modern home sitting atop a ridge with few trees and lots of views. Our new address is listed above (phone 802-985-9555). Football season has ended for the Kelly boys and they both played on winning teams. Scott's JV's finished 5-4 and the Rice varsity won the Division 2 state championship. An-

drew played center on that team. We hope that if any classmates find themselves in this area for skiing or other activities, they will drop in to see us (we're not too hard to find). Keep the news coming.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. John J. Rudd (Elaine Smith), 1035 Walden Blvd. S.E., Palm Bay, FL 32909, and Christopher Van Curan, 1 Standley St., Beverly, MA 01915.*

Hope all '54s who read this column can make the effort to be with us for fun weekend at the 35th Reunion, June 2-4, 1989. **Chuck** and **Maureen Kane Steinecke** are looking forward to the "Big 35," as are **Dick McCoy, Warren** and **Nancy Stevens Fuller, C. C. McKegney, Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay, Bert Welling, Sally Green Risberg, Peter Neisser**, and your class secretaries. The "maybes" include **Marji Dawson Storrs, Dick Buckingham, Elwood Snyder, Barbara Knight Moffitt, Judy McAvity MacDonald, Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach**. ...**Nancy Whittemore Nickerson** is working for the Connecticut National Bank as a human resources officer for the eastern region. The Nickersons have recently moved to Mystic on Mason Island (4 Osprey Lane, Mason Island, Mystic, CT 06355). Offspring David and Cindy are night MBA students at Carnegie Mellon. The Nickersons love visiting daughter Sarah who has been in San Francisco for two years. ..."A glamorous life flying DC 10s from Honolulu to Japan, Sydney, Auckland? Not when you live in Connecticut," says **Gordon Strother**. "I try to get the Newark flights so I can get *home*." His youngest, Michael, graduated last spring from NYU and was heading for Portland, Oregon, after a bike trip to Virginia; son Nick is a supervisor at Interlab; son Aengus, a philosopher in Oakland; daughter Sarah, a musician in Danbury, Conn. Wife Lydia "is the center of all this activity." Gordon writes, "I'm attempting to become a Christian after all these years. Or, maybe I'm a Christian—a bad one—trying to become a better one. Not easy. I miss John '55 and **Barbara Fitzgerald Value**." The Strothers' new address is 27 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801. ...**Chuck** and **Maureen Kane Steinecke** inform us that Chuck is back at school again as dean of the management department for the National Cryptologic School for the National Security Agency (NSA). The department teaches general management at the executive, mid- and supervisory-levels, along with system acquisition and project management, and a series of the national cryptologic courses. For the last 11 years, he has also been chair of their $370 million credit union. ...**Bob Black** has a big year coming up in his school district where he is involved in the certification and accreditation program. ...**Elaine Smith Rudd** was relieved of her secretarial duties for this issue, due to her involvement in a wedding in the Boston area which we hope to report in the next issue. ...**Cathleen Collins McKegney** has retired from teaching for the time being. Her one big trip this year was to Africa where she had the opportunity to be involved in a cross-cultural experience in Kenya and a two-week scientific program through Earthwatch. Otherwise she writes that she is busy living one day at a time and it keeps getting better. ...**Bruce R. Ladeau** was recently appointed chair of the curriculum committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. South Burlington (Vt.) High School, where he has been principal for 21 years, was awarded the U.S. Department of Education Secondary School Recognition Award in 1985. Bruce's career in education spans 31 years, during which time he has received a number of recognition awards from the state of Vermont and the Carnegie Foundation. ...**Nick Miller** suggests that we all add Denmark and Sweden to our list of places to visit. During their recent trip, Nick and wife Gisele took a five-hour trip through the islands east of Stockholm. They also visited an impressively engineered nuclear waste depository under the Baltic Sea. ...Marcia and **Rick Eliot** live in Lyndonville, Vt., with high school senior son John. Another son, Arner, graduated from Dartmouth last June and has entered a doctoral program in clinical psychology at the University of New Mexico. Rick continues to teach science at Lyndon Institute, with the addition of two courses in computer applications thrown in for variety. ...**Anne Davis Carnahan** was recently appointed by the Darien (Conn.) board of selectmen to serve on the town youth commission as one of two Democrats on a 7-person commission. Anne got her master's in library science in 1980; in 1982 she became head of the children's services in the Darien Library, which she finds quite challenging and rewarding. Her oldest and youngest daughters are still in school—SUNY-Purchase and UConn, respectively. The second lives in Virginia where she has a desk top publishing business. The third graduated from UC-Berkeley and works in California. The Carnahans still live in a pre-Revolutionary Cape Cod house in Darien. ...Bob '52 and **Barbara Baker Bruns** have two grandchildren—Katie (4) and Ben (1-1/2)—thanks to son Robert '77 and wife Paula. Bob has been named director of data services for Perkin-Elmer in Wilton, Conn. ...Your Class Secretary **Chris Van Curan** had a busy summer getting ready for son Dirk's September wedding in Jackson, N.H.; the newlyweds will live in Vail. Chris and Sandy went back after the wedding to close down the summer camp in Norway, Maine, in order to get started on a big addition which will add three bedrooms, two baths, as well as doubling the size of the kitchen. Next summer the camp will accommodate the three children's families, including five grandsons. ...Thanks to all who sent back the reunion cards, and a special thanks to those of you who have offered to help with reunion, including **Peggy Cooper Heald**, the **Fullers**, the **Fays, C.C. McKegney**, and **Sally Risberg**.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alton H. Bassett (Joan Tolley), 73 Harriet Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540, and John H. Denny, Sr., 44 Nassau St., Suite 301, Princeton, NJ 08540.*

Phyllis Armstrong has been appointed chair of the Jessica Swift Memorial Park Committee in Middlebury. The committee hopes to fund/establish a park at the base of the Middlebury Falls in Frog Hollow in memory of a generous town benefactor. Phyllis says that classmates who haven't returned to Middlebury in a while would see big changes in the Frog Hollow-Marbleworks area downtown. ...**Earle Bolton** is still teaching architecture at the University of New Hampshire, while continuing his private practice with offices in Newfields and Portsmouth. His youngest daughter, who graduates from Governor Dummer in June, is thinking of Middlebury. Earle designed a house in Damariscotta, Maine, for **Jack** and Lexie Angell '56 **Buckingham**. The Boltons hosted Liddy and **John Baker** on a fall weekend, and they see quite a bit of **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar**, who live nearby. ...**John Field**'s stepson, Desmond Havlicek '92, was a starter on the Middlebury J.V. soccer team. Desmond lived in the Battells as a freshman which was, said John, "somewhat disconcerting for a male 1955 graduate!" ...**Carol Hawkins Rowe** wrote from Raffles Junior College (Mt. Sinai Road in Singapore) where Wally is spending a year teaching for the Singapore government. They hope to explore Southeast Asia while they're there and learn Malay. Carol gave up on Mandarin, "where the same word has several different meanings depending on the tone used." She was afraid she would "call someone's mother a 'horse' by accident of tone!" In addition to a new language, Carol probably has a different wardrobe, since Singapore is on the equator and a far cry from New England winters. ...Ed and **Joan Patterson Woodsum** moved to 66 Wall St., New Haven, CT 06511, when Ed became director of athletics at Yale University. ...**Sam MacDonald** is having fun in retirement at a new address: 12302 Aurora Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Troubles with arthritis sent him to Arizona, but two married daughters in California also had some influence on his decision.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Julia A. King, RR 2, Box 99C, Peterborough, NH 03458, and Edward P. MacDowell, 29 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870.*

A "Humanitarian of the Year" award has been presented by the Lake Forest Masonic Lodge 1026 to **Lynne Atherton** for her continued work in Heifer Project International. Lynne is the area representative for the organization, which serves a radius of 40 miles from her base in Chicago. In addition Lynne is very active in her local church, singing in the choir, leading women's groups, and conducting services. The Rev. Clark Grew says that Lynne "continually pushes outward in life, while most of us are doing the opposite." ...**Sylvia Cosman Bailey** is "still teaching and still loving doing so—even in Rochester's inner city." Sylvia writes that when her four grown children return home with "significant others" the house is too small! Her proudest achievement is that she is back down to her college weight: "lost 50 pounds!—but, of course it's not in the same places it was 33 years ago." ...From West Berlin, Chaplain **Ron Lawson** writes of his busy schedule as pastor of a 6,000-member parish. Last July Ron returned to Vermont for his dad's funeral. Ron's busy life has recently included a visit to the Bavarian Alps, leading a group to Yugoslavia to the locale of the alleged apparitions of Mary, leading a tour of soldiers to Lourdes and to Rome, "where we met the Pope." He will be in West Berlin for the next two years, and he welcomes a visit from any Middlebury friends. (Address: Chaplain Division, Box 1100 APO, New York 09742-0018.) ...After 30 years teaching junior high school, **Norm Kern** plans to retire in June. His pension, a new job, and wife Peggy's day care business will support their three remaining college students (Jim, frosh at Siena; Kathleen, soph at Niagara University; and Andy, junior at Alfred University). Norm visited Middlebury (and the Dog Team) in August. ...**Paul Doering** is now a consultant on construction monitoring and physical plant and environmental assessment to lending institutions, with major concern east of the Rockies. "Tim building yachts, Fort Meyers; Stephanie married, Rosemont, Pa.; one granddaughter, Kathy, Ursinus." ...**Marcia Hanson Stigum** has two new books in print (January and Sep-

tember 1988). She spent the last week of April in London doing research for edition III of *The Money Market*. Her son has finished his first year at Plymouth State, while her daughter graduated from Dartmouth in June '88. ..."You know what they say—life begins when the kids leave home and the dog dies." So it is with **Sally Thomson Clark** who is enjoying a great year. Various fun reunions have occurred with Wayne and **Margot Talmage Cliff**, Dick and **Shirley Smith Morefield**, and John '55 and **Helen Starr Ackerman**. "I'm still busy painting water colors and Tom is my framer." Daughter Betsy '79 is a resident in internal medicine at Syracuse; daughter Judy '81 teaches Russian at a local high school; son Tim '85 makes shaker style furniture in Charlotte, Vt., and has some pieces on display at Frog Hollow in Middlebury; son Dave (Hobart '83) is an architect in Boston. ...**Joanna Strother Nicol** writes that her husband, Don, is winding up his two-year tour of duty as econ/commercial officer at the American Embassy in Suva (an island near Fiji in the South Pacific—your secretary just looked it up!) with a final round of travel through the region. "We both went to Tonga for the King's 70th birthday celebrations and centenary of the U.S. Tonga Treaty of Friendship, an event that has to be experienced to be believed." Their life in the tropical island paradise ended in October, when they were scheduled to return to Virginia. ...Co-Class Secretary **Julie King** (who told **Ned MacDowell** that she was going to take it easy for awhile) now reports that she is an associate faculty member in education of the Antioch/New England graduate school in Keene, N.H. Julie is also revising and writing new material for a series of algebra books. "It's a nice life and I'm enjoying it a lot."

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Reilly (Pam Clark), 1339 Biscayne Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019.*

For the first time we note the word "retired" or the phrase "semi-retired" appearing in our Class of '57 reports. We know that these must be euphemisms for simple changes in priorities, for no one in our class can yet be ready for retirement—can they? ...As a case in point, **R. (Zip) Rausa** retired from the Navy after 30 years of service last June. He will be continuing his association with the Navy as the editor of *Wings of Gold*, the magazine of the Association of Naval Aviation. Zip, don't we remember "Zing," will be living with his family in Vienna, Va. ...Northern Virginia must appeal to ex-Vermonters because **Richard Mirabelli** reports that he too resides in Vienna where he is "alive and well." He also notes that he is "semi-retired" as a consulting engineer and is now keeping track of the stock market. ...Still living in the greater Philadelphia area, **Ken** and **Marty Johnson Moore** report that they have been planning another trip to Europe. Marty says that they have become Anglophiles and spent the past several summers touring the British Isles. So as not to become too committed to Great Britain, they plan to spend time in Brittany this summer. Concerning progeny they report one child married, one unmarried, and no grandchildren. ...Participants in the Midd Alumni Association's "Grand Tour of Alaska" last July included **Merrill Mack**, and Samuel and **Marion Keith Wright**. ...Ten of the "Weybridge Witches" and several spouses held a mini-reunion in October in Salem, Mass. Reason for the gathering was the wedding of **Xanie Post Koontz**'s daughter, Amy. The "Witches" gathered at a bed and breakfast right next door to the Witch Museum. How appropriate! Others in attendance were Spencer and **Sabra Harwood Field, Pete** and **Lee Johnson Howell, Jane Ross Ludington**, Ron and **Alyce Kelly Ostrow**, **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer, Barbara Ransom Payne, Pam Clark Reilly**, and **Peggy Houck Smith. Cathy Rock Fallon**, unable to join the group due to her professional responsibilities at Brandeis University, was represented by her husband, Bill, who—due to his longstanding support—is surely considered an honorary member of our class. ...Your secretaries learned from the *Granite State News*, a weekly newspaper published in Wolfeboro, N.H., that Broadus and **Elizabeth Mathewson Bailey**'s son was married in November. The Baileys have a summer home just outside of Wolfeboro and so do the Reillys. Unfortunately our vacation schedules seldom find us in Wolfeboro at the same time. Perhaps we will do better in the future. ...Congratulations to **Diana Carlisle**, who has been awarded the national and international designation "CPC" (Certified Personnel Consultant) by the National Association of Personnel Consultants. ...Congratulations also to **Diane Masterton Mott**, who was recently inducted into the Middlebury Union High School Hall of Fame. Diane was one of six honored for academic, athletic, and community service achievements. ... Following his retirement from his position with Goodyear International, **Stephen Evans** and wife Jean have purchased a home in Mexico City where he hopes to find a position with an American company. This sounds like additional proof that our classmates "retire" so that they can take on new and exciting jobs. Clever folks in the Class of '57. ...Also moving and taking on new responsibilities is **Edward Maline** who has moved from Peoria, Ill., to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he will lead Temple Emanu-El. Ed is a 25-year veteran of the rabbinate and was one of the founders of the Hillel chapter at Midd. ...**Tania Bayard** recently gave a lecture concerning the Metropolitan Museum's Cloisters gardens. Tania is a freelance writer, lecturer, and horticulturist specializing in medieval art, culture, and gardens. She holds a Ph.D. from Columbia in art history and archaeology. ...Do let us know what you are doing so we can share the good word. THINK '92.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Arthur E. Crowley, Jr. (Mary Roemmele), 24 Giorgetti Blvd., Rutland, VT 05701, and Joseph E. Mohbat, 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

Still called Hoot by many, **Erik Bennorth** (having laid down the onerous chores of class secretary) lives partially in New Jersey and partially in airplanes as he continues to try to keep NBC's regional affiliates happy as director of regional affiliate relations. (Not bad for a kid who began in NBC's mailroom.) He has sent son Peter off to Washington and Lee and he will travel down to Lexington, Va., this spring to root for Middlebury and against his son's school lacrosse team. ...**Cindy Moffitt Farrar** still loves her job as personnel recruiter for GTE Laboratories. She and husband Ken the Goalie '57 will be hitting Wimbledon and Tel Aviv this year as Ken continues to globe-trot as chief Grand Prix supervisor of the men's professional tennis circuit. They've acquired a weekend hideaway in Orleans, on Cape Cod. ...**Virginia Davis Irwin** has broken her vow never to repeat a show. Director of *The Glass Menagerie* before our enchanted eyes at Middlebury, Ginny staged the show again last summer on Nantucket. As these words are written (before Christmas), our peripatetic Ophelia, Mrs. Antrobus, etc., is directing a production of *Falstaff* in Marseilles. ...Dr. **Barbara Bang Knowles** (the class immunogenetecist) has completed a stimulating sabbatical at the world's molecular biology Mecca in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., and is back puzzling out the mysteries of cancer cells at the University of Pennsylvania's Wistar Institute. She also teaches Penn's budding immunologists how to woo grant-givers by getting their immunological thoughts on paper in logical order, and even in English. ...After some two decades as teacher and department head at St. Paul High School in Bristol, Conn., **Elaine Brzezenski Lewandoski** has become the new foreign language teacher at Henry James Memorial High School in Bristol. ...**Carol Treiber Young** is a guidance counselor with four enjoyable grandchildren. ...**Jim Witham** reports that he is still working for John M. Kirk Company. And he has *seven* grandchildren. Is this a record for a '58er? ...We found **Carolyn Mears Long** at home in Furlong, Pa., on the day after Thanksgiving, whereupon she authorized us to report that she hasn't been anywhere, seen anyone, or done anything, and seems quite happy at that. But she is putting a son through a junior year at Middlebury and a daughter through Allegheny, and is now an experienced paralegal in corporate and tax matters for a law firm in Doylestown. ...**Mary Daniels Nahley**, president of the Charles Ives Center for the Arts in Danbury, Conn., sends thanks to all for the outpouring of comfort in the months since the death of **Dick** in November 1987. Her roommate of three years, **Nancy Dwyer Lenz**, flew east in October for a weekend with Mary that began with a very long lunch in New York City with your male class secretary. Mary's okay. Her grace under extreme pressure will come as no surprise to her classmates. ...A season of transitions for **Ann Parnie Ormsbee**, who oversaw the August wedding of daughter Mary in Concord, Calif., then moved from her home of many years to a smaller house at 1612 S. 5th St., Concord, CA 94519. Ann wrote to a classmate—who has now married off a daughter—of the stresses involved. When he wrote back to wonder what the big deal was, she replied, "He jests at scars...." The father of the bride, **Phil Ormsbee**, has moved from Oakland and now resides at (but not in, we believe) Box 426, Bethel Island, CA 94511. ...By the time you read this it'll be ten months since Ian and **Janet Miller McKee** moved from Dublin to Accra, Ghana, where—if they haven't pulled up stakes again—you may find them c/o UNDP, Box 1423. "We have come for one year," writes Janet, "but it might be extended. The beach is nice, the extreme heat is not." Nairobi, Dublin, St. Lucia, Fiji, Bangladesh, Ghana—where next? ...Wasn't it the pits to turn to the '58 notes in the winter issue and find nary a word about your fellow grassers and checkers? That's because you didn't send anything, you see. As long as your silence continues, the dynamic **Rojo** duo shall feel free to include news about ourselves (itself?) at will. **Ro**, for example, is looking for a star to do a 30-second anti-drug spot, her school having received a grant to bring in a video instructor to work with kids in making same. **Mohbat**, looking odd in black robe and Panther-blue hood, represented your alma mater at the investiture of the new prexy of Hunter College of the City University of New York. He gave his business card to several strangers during the recessional. He also argued and won his first case before the New York Court of Appeals, but modesty forbids going into detail. See how undramatic your

news can be and still make this column? Unlike *The New York Times*, "All the news that fits we print." So take pen in hand and write to us at the addresses above (much faster than sending it to Marlow's office). We need to hear from you by May 15 for the September magazine. While you're at it, start thinking up (and sending us) ideas on how to make the 35th Reunion (1993) a grabber.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Frederic B. Preston (Granthia Lavery), 123 Hampshire Road, Wellesley, MA 02181, and Robert E. Luce, 90 Winthrop Drive, Riverside, CT 06878.*

A final reminder: Our 30th Reunion is June 2-4, 1989. We hope you plan to come. You *know* it will be a fine, low-key, relaxing event, and you *know* the College—along with the whole Green Mountain State—will be a thing of beauty at that time of year. Your 30th Reunion committee and the College have put together what promises to be a memorable weekend. So if you're on the fence about coming, climb down, plan the trip, and we'll be seeing you. ...**Pete Erbe** has been appointed senior vice president, operations officer, of Market News Service, providing business and financial news to the world's largest banks and securities firm. It is the only news agency that concentrates exclusively on world interest rates and currency markets. ...**Bob Jones** continues as chair of Money Market Services, a worldwide firm which provides economic forecasting and related service. Bob founded this firm in 1974 and has been highly innovative in his use of telecommunications to oversee and manage worldwide operations. In 1973, **Katy Bush Jones**, Bob, and family moved to Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where Katy now has a full-time position in special education with the elementary school in Incline Village. You will read more about Bob's activities in an upcoming issue of this *Magazine*. ...**Fred Swan** took a leave of absence from his teaching position at West Liberty State College to accept a traineeship from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in order to complete an M.S. degree in this field at West Virginia University. In June 1988 he took a position as an industrial hygienist with Clayton Environmental Consultants in Edison, N.J. During Fred's studies, wife Pat provided family support as a registered representative for First Investors Corporation. Son Eric is a University of Wisconsin-Madison freshman; son Peter is carpentering after serving in the Navy. Fred is enjoying his career change and the new challenges it brings.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald J. Mulvey (Nancy Mumford), 104 High Plain Road, Andover, MA 01810, and Dr. Michael J. Robinson, 153 Powers Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.*

Class Secretary **Mike Robinson** had the opportunity to attend the Alumni Leadership Conference at Midd last fall. It was great to see **Pieter Schiller** and his wife, Betty. Pete came as a representative of the Boston chapter of the MCAA. Pete is a principal in a venture capital firm in Lexington and his wife is enjoying her new career in real estate. The Schillers' daughter, Katie, is a senior at Midd. ...Also at the conference were **Lincoln Clark** and wife Louise and daughter Katherine. Louise and Katherine were able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather while Linc spent the better part of the weekend attending meetings with the admissions group. Linc has been involved in attracting qualified students from more rural areas to Middlebury. ...**Paula Hartz**, our esteemed class agent, also shunned the beautiful outdoors in favor of attending sessions on ways to persuade us all to give money to the College. Now that's dedication! Paula obviously enjoys her work as a free-lance writer/editor in New York City. ...Reaching back over 28 years through the telephone wires, we enjoyed talking with **Craig Heatley** in Westport, Conn. Although Craig missed our 25th Reunion, he has attended both the 25th and 30th reunions of wife Penny's class of '58. After hearing from him how great the 30th was, I'm really gung-ho for ours in two years! Craig is vice president of Vail Associates, a management consulting firm, which keeps him hopping over much of the Southeast. The Heatleys have also kept busy raising four children, now ages 16-27. One of the benefits of being a DKE, Craig says, is the annual get-together of all past and present DKEs at Smugglers Notch each spring. Craig and Penny have been able to get to this weekend several times over the years. ...Contacted **Jim Hutton** in El Paso where he and his wife have raised five children. The oldest is a captain and fighter pilot in the Air Force. Jim, who was with Safeway Stores until recently, is now relaxing while pondering what kind of work he'd like to do for the next 20 years. Whatever you choose, Jim, hope it will permit a trip from Texas to Vermont for the 30th. ...Long-time Vermonter **Judy Falby Tuttle** is enjoying a new job as director of career development at Trinity College in Burlington. Trinity, with a student body of 1,000, has an interesting mix of one-third young women and two-thirds adults. Judy also teaches courses in adult education and adult learning theory and says she likes the challenge

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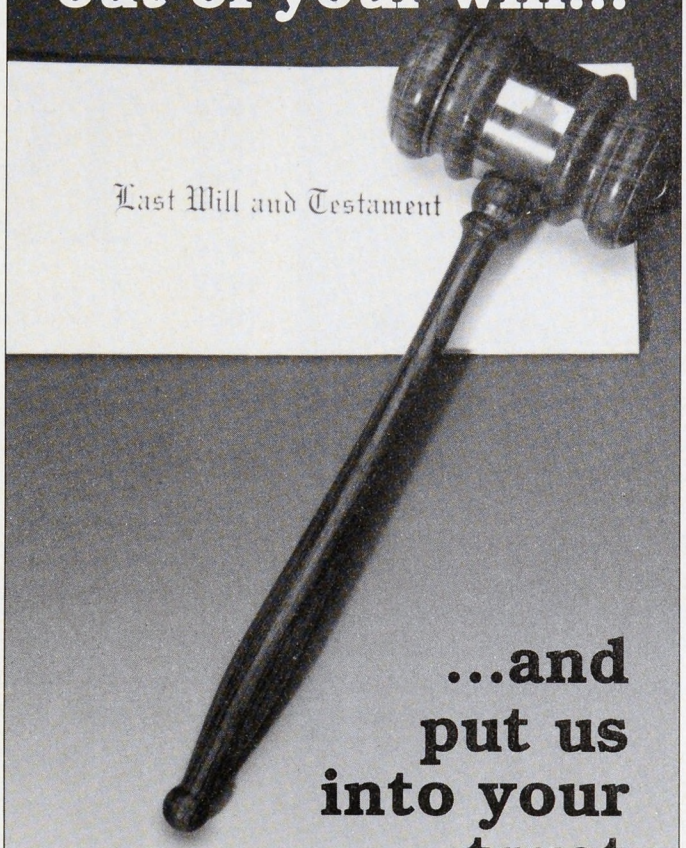

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of mature students. Husband Fred '58, in addition to his job as superintendent of schools in South Burlington, teaches business and personnel management courses at Trinity. The four Tuttle children include Ann, who is getting teaching credentials as a postgraduate at Trinity; John, Midd '87, now in Boston; Jim at the University of Redlands in California; and Beth, a senior in high school. ...Secretary **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** had dinner with **Rose Mary McDonough Natelson** and **Helen Smith Folweiler** in December. Thanks to an uncrowded restaurant and a patient waitress, our conversation continued long after the food and drink were gone. An inveterate traveler, Rose Mary was about to leave for Tel Aviv to spend the holidays with her daughter, Jamie, who is spending her junior year there (from UMass). Other trips (just in '88) included Florida, Spain, Puerto Vallarta, and Australia. The Australian adventure included participation in research under the auspices of the University of California observing the habits of the sand bubbler crab (which forever blows bubbles for interesting reasons). Rose Mary's older daughter, Leah, is in a graduate program in hospital administration at Georgia State in Atlanta. Helen, who spent two weeks in Japan in June with her husband, Bob, was particularly taken with the cleanliness of the parks and public places and the gracious, polite, and friendly welcome extended to them by Japanese people. What surprised them was the imitation of Western "culture," from jeans and sneakers to fast food restaurants and theme parks. The latter are the first attractions shown to Western tourists who would prefer to visit shrines and teahouses! The Folweilers' daughter, Robin, is a sophomore at Middlebury, discovering the special pleasures of the Vermont countryside, as well as the academic challenges. Sara (23) is working in the health and fitness field in Boston, and David (25) is an engineer in California. ...Helen saw **Carol Michalske Muscara** in the fall at a reunion of friends from post-college days in Schenectady. Carol is still consulting on the computer curriculum for the Montgomery County (Maryland) public schools. The Muscaras' older daughter is at Colgate and the younger is a high school senior. ...Chatted with **Judy Jacobson Kehs**, owner of the Cricket Hill Herb Farm in Rowley, Mass. Judy had a wonderful trip to England in September, meeting with English herbalists, visiting herb gardens, etc. Besides growing and selling herbs, spices, dried flower creations, and the like, Judy particularly enjoys teaching and lecturing to garden clubs, historical societies, and other groups. She and **Ken** celebrated their 25th anniversary last summer, with their attendant, **Debbie Wetmore Heaton**, at the party. The Kehs' son, Scott, 20, dabbles in theater, while their daughter, Deborah, 15, provides the joys and challenges which are unique to an adolescent female (and all of us who have had one can identify with those!). ...All this travel talk made us think of **Gretchen Augat Reilly**, who with husband Dick operates a travel agency in the Attleboro, Mass., area. Gretchen's still very much in the busy world of getting kids off to school and then to all their after-school activities, as their children include a daughter (11) and sons (14) and (19). (Just so you don't feel too lonely as a "slightly older parent," there are at least 18 other classmates with children under 13!) The Reillys are planning a Hawaiian vacation for the whole family in the spring. ...That's all, folks. Let's hear from you for the next issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Jo Aagerstoun, 1716 U St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009, and William F. Wallace III, 5403 Braxtonshire Court, Houston, TX 77069.*

Nothing like the first frosty fall day to make one think of the summer past. Newfound Lake near Bristol, N.H., was a Mecca for class of '61ers this summer. Early in the summer, **Sally Lobban Decker** made her annual visit to her parents' summer home. She was spotted at Bristol's 4th of July fireworks by **Melinda Robart Ryder** and **Carole Pringle Tiedemann**. Later in the summer, Melinda and husband David entertained **Janet Reed** and **Judy Knight White** at their summer camp. Frequently seen boating on the lake or entertaining at cocktails at their summer home were **Bruce** and **Sonnie Wells Johnstone**. Sonnie and Bruce's two sons are both Middlebury graduates—Bruce '86 and Rob '88. Daughter Katie is a junior at St. Lawrence. ...Elsewhere in New Hampshire, **Alan Jeffery** has been elected to the board of directors of the New Hampshire Savings Bank. In addition, Al, who continues as president of Whitney Screw Corporation in Nashua, is chairman of the Nashua Police Commission, president of the board of trustees of the Edgewood Cemetery, and past president of the Nashua United Fund. It is great to see one of our own so active in community involvement. ...A letter from **Sophia Healy** brings exciting news of her first novel, *Lone Stars*, which is to be published by the Atlantic Monthly Press in spring 1989. Also, in the fall of 1988 Sophia wrote the text for a dance, "Cassie's Dream," which appeared nationally on Public Broadcasting Service. The dance piece was performed by Wendy Perron and is the result of a Healy-Perron collaboration on a course entitled Dance/Drawing which the two taught at Bennington College in 1981. ...Five intrepid sailors from our class will team up for a week of bare boat sailing in the British Virgins in March of 1989. Captain **Jack** and wife **Francis Blick Westerbeke** will be joined by Charlie and **Sandy Anderson Bolton**, and **Bill** and **Ajka Cebe-Habersky Wallace**. ...We also look forward to a report from the annual ski reunion crowd that will have terrorized the slopes of Lech, Austria, in February of 1989. ...Lastly, a plea to the many of you who read this column and have never taken the few minutes to correspond and keep us informed: Do it today.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Allen L. Bridges (Anne Thornton), HCR 68, Box 44, S. Woodstock Road, Woodstock, VT 05091, and Dr. John F. Sinclair, 482 Woodbury Road, Springfield, VT 05156.*

Your class secretaries have learned a few things in the first year of our tenure. We don't intend to repeat our mistakes. For example, we should have saved half the news from last issue (relatively lengthy) column and used it this time when we have ZIP! By the time you read this in the spring, we hope we will have seen many of you skiers at Winter Weekend in January, and that others of you will send news in the interest of higher quality reporting in the future. In the meantime, we refuse to stoop to the usual bland request for news. Because we are curious to know if we are encountering situations typical of 1962 Middlebury College graduates approaching the half-century mark, we invite your response and comment on just a few of the knotty problems we are struggling with: 1. Our teenage daughters go for much older men. (Maybe some of you are experiencing the reverse of this phenomenon which must be sons robbing the cradle!) 2. Our paychecks will never stretch to accommodate our needs (i.e., trips to warm climates or to places where *real* skiers ski). 3. All our wedding presents have worn out or broken. (Some of you on the second time around may have a message for us!) 4. We are becoming preoccupied with whirlpool tubs, saunas, and massages; less intrigued by regular five-mile jogs and aerobics classes. 5. Our children, in their infinite wisdom, feel they must leave their college campus to get a "real education," disregarding our irrefutable voices of experience. 6. In spite of all these challenges, we still think we're OK. Hope you do too! Be counted in this important poll (and offer your anecdotes and additional items) which should make a *dynamite* column next time.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. R. Peter Johnson (Jane Bachelder), 625 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, and Robert W. Clarke, 63 Mountain Road, Hampden, MA 01036.*

Carole Nieter Ackerman is busy putting daughter Laurel through Syracuse and hosting foreign students at home in Gloucester, Mass. Teaching at Rockport High School, she took 16 students on an exchange program to Versailles. Then last fall, the French students came to the U.S. for a reciprocal look at American culture, which turned out to be "a very rewarding experience." Carole is also singing with the New Acapella's. She reports that **Dave and Cathy Tilden Howell** have relocated to the Burlington, Vt., area where Dave is the new interim dean of arts and sciences at the University of Vermont. ...The word is out that **Bruce Bailey** finally made it to the altar last fall in Seattle. The wedding was well attended by well-wishing classmates, including **Pete Shafer** (who just had a baby boy to rival **Mark Cangiano** as the oldest new parent in our class), **Roger Ralph**, **Bill Delahunt**, Sue and **Larry Ring, Jim McKeown,** Judy Webster Bauer '59, **Craig Stewart,** John '77 and Carol Bracken Clemency '79, Deborah Oyer '77, and Tom Weeks '78. Bruce's bride, Heidi Barrett, says the honeymoon to Mexico will have to wait until after the basketball season at Lakeside School. Some things never change. ...Also from Seattle we hear that **Paul Fava** is pioneering several expected product advances with McCaw Communications Company, the nation's largest cellular telephone company and 6th largest paging company. ...**Emmett Van Buskirk**, now living in Fayette, Iowa, and teaching at Upper Iowa University, tells us that he is competing professionally in watercolors throughout Iowa and Ohio, gaining a wide reputation as a competition judge in both the amateur and professional levels. Emmett is considering a career change and possible relocation to the Cleveland area. He would appreciate any contacts with Middlebury classmates there to establish a new position in education or business. ..."I've just finished nine holes of golf here today," reports **Pat Fruehling Carling**. She is director of marketing for the 4-year-old Civic Bank of Commerce in San Francisco, plays lots of golf in the Northern California area, and still works hard for Junior League as well. She concludes, "I plan to see Muggins Badgely (Bill's widow) in a few weeks. "I'll give her all the dirt from the 25th Reunion". ...If you need wallpaper, **Melinda Kernochan Swanson** "has rolls and will travel." Actually, Melinda has a wallpaper hanging business in Lansdowne, Pa., which fills her part-time need to create and to meet the warm folks around Philadelphia. "Unfortunately, no Middlebury clients yet." Unfortunately also, a relapse of her back problems has curtailed her frequent trips to

the Bahamas. Did you know that her father was a commercial pilot there? Husband Cliff is president of Scripture Union, a worldwide Bible reading fellowship. ...**Jim Alexander** reports from Trenton, N.J., that, as director of administration for the State Department of Community Affairs, he is facing not only bureaucratic challenges, but political realities as well. A recognized expert on budgeting and finance, Jim has recently written a book chapter on the municipal finance system in New Jersey. His son, Bruce, graduated from Middlebury in the Class of 1988. "All is well," he closes. ...**Janet Brevoort Allen**, associate director of the Fund for Modern Courts, a non-profit organization collecting and publishing data to improve the court system in the state of New York, lives out in Huntington Station, Long Island (see winter '88). As an update, she reports her son Tom graduated from Brandeis as a history major after spending his junior year abroad in Israel. Her other son, Jon, has entered the University of Colorado at Boulder. ...**Russ Barnum** reports from wintry Moretown, Vermont (outside Montpelier), that "not much has changed since the reunion." Russ continues as guidance director at Williamstown High School, where he coaches soccer, softball, and basketball programs. His son, Josh, had advanced to the quarterfinals in the Vermont Scholar's Bowl. We would like to hear more about that. ...**Alice Hayes Barrows**, who spent freshman year at Middlebury before leaving for a bigger city atmosphere at Radcliffe, tells us that she is fighting hard to save the Rhode Island harbors as a member of the Cranston Zoning Board. She and husband Chet (married almost 25 years) operate Carpet Products, Inc., a wholesale distribution business with twelve branches throughout New England. In addition, she says, "we are hoping to open a new business to indulge my husband's collection of classic cars—probably restoration, parts, repairs, and the like." More later. ...**Janie Bachelder Johnson** is excited for her son Jeremy who is in Hofheim, Germany, as an exchange student with a scholarship provided by the German government. Jeremy was accepted by the Experiment in International Living program. Our own **Charlie MacCormack** is president of EIL, which is headquartered in Vermont. ...**Bill Fisher** reports from Provo, Utah, that there are over 100 inches of base at Alta, Park City, and his own backyard at Sundance Resort. "We are located less than half a mile from the ski lift if you would like to try it." Bill is vice president of marketing for WICAT, pioneers of computer developed math, reading, and writing programs. "I am pleased that WICAT has set a lot of the industry standards; over 180,000 are using our software programs at almost two hundred sites nationwide." Bill reports that he saw **Tom Keating** at a Council of Great City schools recently. Tom directs the lobbying efforts of a 92 percent black school system in Atlanta, Georgia. The Fishers shared Thanksgiving with **Dave and Mary Leslie Hanscom** in Park City, Utah, and the news is that Dave, a professor of computer science at the University of Utah, has written a book about cross country ski touring in the Wasatch Mountain Range of Utah which is "soon to be a best seller," we're told. Also, Bill has seen **John Bower**, who has left Elsah, Ill., where he was director of athletics at Principia College, and moved to Utah to head up the U.S. Nordic Combined Events Team. ...**Pete Schosberg** says "beat the winter and come on down to the Miami area (but don't forget your machine gun—it's not the safest city.)" Pete is working as southeastern regional vice president of a men's and children's apparel company called Basic Elements. He travels to New York and New England and would love to link up for dinner. Send references. ...**Bob Clarke** was recently elected president of the Community Care Mental Health Center in Springfield, Mass.

Middlebury was well represented in Port Townsend, Washington, on August 27, 1988, when Heidi Barrett and Bruce Bailey '63 were married: (from left) Peter Shafer '63, Craig Stewart '63, Roger Ralph '63, Bill Delahunt '63, Susan Bogert Ring '64, Bruce and Heidi, Judy Webster Bauer '59, John Clemency '77, Carol Bracken Clemency '79, Deborah Oyer '77, Tom Weeks '78, (kneeling in foreground) Jim McKeown '63, and Larry Ring '63.

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Class Secretaries: *Catherine Telfair Wright, 7 Wrisley Court, Sussex Place, Essex Junction, VT 05452, and Timothy Y. Hayward, 8 Woodcrest Road, Montpelier, VT 05602.*

It was a very quiet fall—perhaps everyone was waiting to send all their news for the reunion yearbook. By the time you read this, the BIG WEEKEND will be just a few weeks away. Remember, our 25th Reunion is June 1-4, and it only happens once in a lifetime! ...Mini-reunions were held in New York City and Boston during December and another Boston gathering was being planned, with details to be announced. Meanwhile the West Coast folks were planning to get together on February 25 in San Clemente at the home of Susan and **Don McClean** and on February 26 in San Francisco with hostess **Debbie Gillette Law**. Still in the planning stage are mini-reunions in Fairfield County, Conn., Washington, D.C., northern New Jersey, and good old Vermont. That's all leading up to the main event in June! Reunions both end and start new 5-year demarcations at Middlebury—and the terms of your class secretaries are up for election at that time. Please be thinking about the fun it would be to keep in touch with classmates for the next five years as one of the two class secretaries. There are perks with the job, and lots of support from the Alumni Office.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Hamilton S. Gregg (Carolyn Breckenridge), 200 East 94th St., #1817, New York, NY 10128, and Frederick W. Stetson, 10 W. Canal St., Winooski, VT 05404.*

Sally Brinkmann Blaser writes from Denver, Colo., "I'm an empty nester and enjoying it more than I ever figured I would. Brian is a freshman at St. John's, and Kelly switched from Milton Academy to spend her senior year of high school at Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale. Last March, I worked for the Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA) as a photographer and interpreter for a group of students and teachers in Costa Rica. Loved it, and plan to do more Central America work with FINCA. Photography in Denver is a combination of commercial, stock, and fine art for me. Challenging and very rewarding creatively. I'm also singing (believe that!) with the Denver Women's Chorus. All the best to you." And, to you, too, Sally. ...**Betsy B. Buck** divides her time between Englewood, Colo., and Greenbrae, Calif. "With a friend," she tells us, "I write greeting card captions! Another sideline is modeling and commercials. I am also in the beginning stage of starting a university—that's a major project! We're working on fund raising at present. I spent a month in Nepal (snowed in at 14,000 feet), and I take monthly trips to Denver. Oh yes, I do work full time, too, as director of research and development for PSI World Seminars. If you get to San Francisco, come visit! I have several extra beds." ...**Mike Demas** writes from Sandy Springs, Georgia, that he left AT&T after 23 years with the company and moved to the San Jose, Calif., area. "I'm planning to work for a small firm called Octel Communications Corporation in Silicon Valley. Naturally, the firm is small by my standards after being used to a monolith like AT&T, but it's fairly large according to many peoples' standards. I've really been enjoying life in Atlanta. It's a great city to live in. I've also grown roots here since I've lived here for more than three and a half years. Since this is the first time I've lived in any place for more than two years since I was nine years old, I have really been here for a long time! My non-work pursuits are pretty much the same as many Middleburyites. I'm still a fanatic about snow skiing and have just started to learn how to waterski. Tennis and white water rafting are my other major sports avocations. I keep myself in half decent shape through running and have run two marathons so far (never again!). Due to my move, I only have two skiing trips planned this year—one to Jackson Hole and the other to Park City. Last but not least, I'm looking forward to 'assisting' on the planning for our 25th. I know that'll be long distance from California. Thank God for frequent flyer coupons!" ...**Judy Fair Mowry Dickison** reports from Grafton, Vt., that she's "very happily married with a total of six kids—three in college (one at Middlebury, Jonathan '90), one just finished. I stopped teaching a couple of years ago, and am now selling real estate, and 'The Vermont Dream.' Not much else new. I like to hear from other people, though. It's a weird feeling going into the old dorms and buildings at Midd—like stepping into an old movie." ...Another New Englander, **Sara Brown Dowse** writes from Hancock, N.H.: "I have finally discovered what I want to be when I grow up: I am a mad gardener! Would be happy to hear from others who have been similarly smitten. Meanwhile, selectman and boat restorer husband, Hunt Dowse, and preschooler son, Jonathan, help keep things in perspective." ...**Larry Gray** moved from Boston back to Cincinnati, Ohio, now his permanent home. "The move was a career change," he writes. " I am running Cordage Paper Co. here—same industry, new and rewarding challenge. I'm living close to my family again—daughters Kit and Becky, 16, and son Jim, 14. Love this city and enjoy family, work, and life in general. Still finding time to get back to my home near North Conway, N.H. No New England mountains here in the heartland." ...**Jonathan Green** is a singer with the New York City Opera and San Francisco, Washington, and Dallas Operas. He is married to Constance Karew and has two children, Benno and Blythe. ...**J. Stuart Gruggel** is a judge for the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals and lives in Oakton, Va. He lists his "primary relaxations" as follows: "(1) Colonel, US Marine Corps Reserve" and "(2) Try to get to Joe's Pond (West Danville, Vermont) as often as is feasible from May through November to fish, boat, and LIVE in the finest environment (Vermont) that

there is." We second all of the above. But, some of us—just a few—seldom relax around Marines. ...**Richard Kennedy** is "continuing as a hospital administrator at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, R.I. Working on plans to build a Ronald McDonald House on the hospital campus for families of seriously ill, hospitalized children. The fund-raising campaign reflects the generosity of the many who want to help others. I've been promoted to colonel in the US Army Reserve and assigned as commander, 803rd Medical Group in Boston. I have been lecturing on building a contingency hospital, at Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Fort Devens, Mass. I was a faculty member at the Congress in Administration, American College of Health Care Executives, in February." ...**Don Lund** ain't taking chances on his son; in a letter to the Middlebury College Alumni Office, he begins: "Gentlepersons: Please welcome Benjamin Andrew Lund to your list of prospective alumni offspring applicants to Middlebury. At three weeks of age, he is studying diligently and has become master of the art of 'nodding off.' (Kid's got to get moving.) His father is doing well having established a vibrant real estate company, HOMEFINDERS, Inc., serving communities in central Massachusetts from a base in Westborough. He does not miss the 'politics' inherent in working for state government...yet occasionally thinks about a return to the university in a teaching capacity or to public service. Benjamin's mother, Marie, is completing her third year at the New England School of Law and is a managing editor of their law review." ...Dr. **L. Eve Armentrout Ma** (formerly Lucy M. Ballard) attended Midd for two years as an undergraduate and earned a B.A. in English literature-creative writing from San Francisco State College, an M.A. in United States history from California State University, and a Ph.D. in modern Chinese history from the University of California-Davis. "Since 1977, I've mostly done historical consultant work for the Oakland Museum, Golden Gate Recreation Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc. I've received some grants, done some teaching (currently teaching Early Japan at California State University-Hayward and Modern China at University of California-Berkeley extension. I've published more than 20 articles and a couple of books. I'm now interested in law, thinking of going to law school. I'm divorced, have three kids (one daughter, two sons), one grandson. Am very happy in California." ...**Ted Morse** lives in Washington, Conn., but he's been traveling afar. "We took our family to China for the second time," he reports. "Our son, Alex, is at the Hill School, where he plays varsity soccer, hockey, and hopes to go to Midd. Our daughter, Sarah, is at the Taft School, where she's a great friend of **Breck**'s daughter (Kimberly Gregg). I left education after 19 years to assume leadership in a uniform corporation. Life is great in western Connecticut. Playing golf nine months a year." ...**Claire Ghattas Pitzer** has resumed a career as an economist after a 17-year break. "I'm at the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis," she writes from suburban McLean, Va. "To anyone else re-entering the job market, be patient!" ...**Charles M. Rogers** is in his 23rd year with New England Telephone Company, and living in Proctor, Vt. "My family consists of my wife, Rosemary, who works at her family's business, a motel-restaurant complex at Lake Bomoseen (on Vermont 30); our daughter, Michele, 21, is a senior at the University of Vermont; our son, David, is at Middlebury, Class of '91; and our daughter, Karen, is spending the year as an exchange student in Montevideo, Uruguay, with the Rotary International Exchange Program. She will enter Middlebury College as a freshman in the fall (September 1989). Our son, Matthew, 12, is in the 7th grade at Christ the King School in Rutland. We had an exchange student from Barcelona, Spain, live with us last year and this year we will have a student from Brazil." ...**Ellen Andersen Russo** writes from Middlefield, Mass.: "So this is what it's like to be in the middle—teenage kids and aging parents! Tony is 13, Peter is 10, and Mother is 86! Our coping abilities vary. I work part time as an alcoholism counselor at an outpatient clinic. Tony (husband) is a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. I find classmate **Sue Scammell Carpenter** in my group at Hartford Family Institute, a training program in Gestalt therapy. Surprise!" ...Finally, **Chris Thierfelder Slater** reports from Manlius, N.Y.: "As of this writing, I'm completing 15 months as a psychiatric social worker, assisting moderately to severely mentally ill persons re-integrate into their communities following acute care inpatient stays at Hutchings Psychiatric Center, Syracuse, N.Y. The job is a challenge—always different, always exciting, full of crises, with no two days the same. There's lots to learn—about mental health law, psychiatry, medicine, and living. Leisure time includes walking, quilting, reading, spending time with my daughter." ...Many thanks to all of you who returned our blue "update" letters. We are extremely grateful to you for keeping in touch with your classmates. More of your notes will appear in subsequent columns. Also, we received from the Midd Alumni office a list of all our classmates with children attending Middlebury. In addition to those already mentioned, these are our legacies: Jake Donavan '92, son of Sally Sise Donavan '66 and **Peter Donavan**; Kimberly Gager '90, daughter of John and **Kathleen Carbine Gager**; Elisabeth Hollander '89 and Timothy Hollander, Jr. '91, children of **Timothy** and **Susan Apple Hollander**; Lynn Holley '91, daughter of Patricia Watt Holley '64 and **John Holly**; Lisa Balaschak '92, daughter of George and **Marguerite Dupuis Balaschak**; Lisa Bozarth '90 and Laura Bozarth '92, children of **Susan Mervine Clear**; Ann Deppman '89, daughter of Elizabeth Mclain Edwards '64 and **John Deppman**; Erik Dorf '92, son of **Robert Dorf**; Elizabeth Hager '90, daughter of Susan and **Eric Hager**; Winston Hart, Jr. '90 and Leland Hart '91, sons of Mary and **Winston Hart**; Lesley Humphreys '91, daughter of Keith and **Maris Swan Humphreys**; Susanne Johnson '91, daughter of Michael and **Jennifer Starr Johnson**; Derek Talbott '90, son of Mary and **David Talbott**; Morris Tooker '91, son of Heather and **Adin Tooker**; Erica Nourjian '92, daughter of Bruce and **Wendy Peirson Nourjian**; and Heather Wilson '92, daughter of Renee and **Walter Wilson**. Cheers to all of you assuredly and deservedly proud parents!

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. J. Dudley King (Rita Crocitto), 31 Gull Point Road, Hilton Head, SC 29928.*

Our New England correspondent in Atkinson, N.H., **Roger Buchika**, called to relay some exciting news about **Glenn Govertsen**. Glenn had just learned that he was going to the White House to receive the Presidential Award for excellence in teaching math and science. There is only one recipient per state for this award and it includes a $5000 grant for his school. Glenn's parents were to join him at the White House for the ceremony. We were unable to reach Glenn to congratulate him and get further details. Perhaps he was out training for his next marathon when we called. ...**Rick Griffith** wrote that he is now practicing law, with an emphasis on appellate law, and sitting as an administrative law judge. He and wife Margie are caught up in the excitement and activities of a busy, growing family including sons Todd (19) and Brian (17) and daughter Kristi (9). Choral and theatrical activities and a variety of sports (swimming, soccer, water polo, basketball, and gymnastics) keep them all very busy. "It was hard to see Todd leave us for Duke where he is now a sophomore and hard to recognize those growing up times are just a 'chapter' in a story to be told." Rick sends his best to old Midd friends Earl Ball '65, **Bill Clarke, Steve Schatken**, and "the crazy, talented bunch at Zeta Psi." ...A note from **Bob Wishart** included the news that he is the senior (and oldest) partner in a 23-lawyer firm with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Burlington, N.C. He expected to be moving soon into a new home office building in Burlington at the time of his writing. "Although we occasionally get to Hilton Head, my wife and I and our two children normally spend our vacation time on Bald Head Island, an isolated island off the coast of North Carolina. Access is by ferry only, and there are no cars or other vehicles (except electric golf carts and bicycles) on the island. Development is strictly controlled, and the beaches and the maritime forest are being preserved in their natural state. Only fifteen percent of the surface area of the island is available for development." Bob sends his regards to **Steve Schatken, Bill Clarke, Rick Griffith**, "and all of our other classmates that you come in contact with." ...An update from **Tom Armistead** says, "I'm celebrating my seventh year as manager of public relations with Walsh Construction Company, a general contractor of national scope located in Trumbull, Conn. (Some well-know Walsh jobs include the United Nations Building, the Queens-Midtown Tunnel, the New York Coliseum, and the Grand Coulee Dam). I'm also celebrating my sixth year living at the same address in Milford. I say celebrating. This is the longest I have lived anywhere since I left high school. When I bought the house in Milford, I calculated that in the 16 years since I had finished college I had moved 42 times. My moves were all over the eastern, midwestern and southern U.S., plus two in Southeast Asia. I had an itchy foot and a resume a good friend called "exotic." Now I am married (15 years) to Michele and we have a daughter Chandra (11) whom we adopted as an infant in Indonesia. Much of my free time is devoted to the Baha'i Faith. I am on the Connecticut Baha'i District Teaching Committee, and Michele and I are co-editors of the state Baha'i bulletin. Chandra, a talented artist, contributes her work to the bulletin too. It's kind of a tame middle-age for a retired wanderer and aging child of the '60s, and I live with a constant, nagging desire to be someplace else. All that restrains me is that I love what I'm doing now, my family needs stability, and I know that, if I get someplace else, I'll be just as restless as I am now. Maybe someday we'll move to Bali and live by freelance writing." ...**Judith Engle Hishikawa**, who lives in Paramus, N.J., has been a Japanese bilingual teacher in Fort Lee. She also mentioned that she lectures on Japan and Japanese education and language, in case you're looking for assistance with a workshop or something.

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ard E. Roller, c/o Tabor Academy, Marion, MA 02738.

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Class Secretaries: *Shari Galligan Johnson, 230 Hopkinton Road, Concord, NH 03301, and Dr. Bentley C. Gregg, 418 East St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180.*

Dwight Dunning (RD 2 Cornwall, Middlebury, VT 05753) is the Ski School director at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl, and spent some time in early 1988 at the National Academy of the Professional Ski Instructors of America held at St. Christoph, Austria. He skied a wide variety of terrain and snow conditions and gained additional skiing skill and knowledge of skiing philosophy, methodology, and technique. ...**Greenfield "Kip" Sluder** (65 Rice Road, Wayland, MA 01778) has been promoted to the rank of senior scientist at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology. In April 1988 Kip was awarded a 3-year $418,880 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to study "Centrosome Formation, Function, and Reproduction," investigating the duplication of the poles in the cell's mitotic spindle during cell division. During recent summers, Kip has been on the summer faculty of the Marine Biological Laboratory. ...**Larry Raab** (139 Bulkley St., Williamstown, MA 01267) was promoted to full professor in the English department at Williams College in July 1988. ...**Elliot Hoffman** (11 Fayette St., Cambridge, MA 02139) was promoted to assistant professor of communications/media at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts. ...**Barbara Barrett Bloom** (3 Birch Road, Shelburne, VT 05482) has taken a new position as the guidance counselor of grades 5 through 8 in the Essex Junction school system. She had held a similar position in the St. Albans town school system for the previous three years, and is relieved to have the much shorter commute. In her spare time, Barb is a member of the Shelburne school board, serving on a committee concerned with utilization of current technology in the school system. ...**Susan Hastings Chandler** (RR 2, Box 470, East Road, Cornish, NH 03745) is the coordinator of the Competency Program, SAV 6, in Claremont, N.H. Sue and husband Wells are the proud parents of three children—Rob (11), Alyssa (8), and Devan (6)—and she reports that she repeatedly finds herself as a professional volunteer in their small town, including such tasks as the coordination of efforts by townsfolk to save $6,400 by painting the Town Hall themselves. ...**Nancy Cahill Mercer** (RR 1, Box 1500, Barre, VT 05641) teaches psychology and American history in grades 10 through 12 of U-32 High School in East Montpelier. She and husband John have two children, Lyndley (11) and Kara (7). ...**John Howland** (P.O. Box 509, Lovingston, VA 22949) is the editor of the *Nelson County Times*, a weekly newspaper. John reports that Nelson County is just south of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia, and is just like the best of Vermont, except the summer and the vowels are longer. ...**Cappy Anderson** (94 Woodbridge Road, York, ME 03909) is returning to the life of a student, at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H. ...**Alan Lindsey** (98 Shannon Street, Middlebury, VT 05753) is a capital and planned giving officer at Middlebury College, as previously reported here, and is also the varsity hockey coach at Middlebury Union High School. ...**Tee Winstead** (901 Malvern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21204) is a principal at the investment firm of Alex Brown & Sons, Inc. Tee, Carol, and their two boys, Trey and Peter, enjoy golf, tennis, biking, and have season tickets to the Orioles. Tee is also a trustee of the Calvert School in Baltimore. ...**Dan Curry** (9209 Grundy Lane, Chatsworth, CA 91311) works in the motion picture industry. His present position is visual effects supervisor on the TV show "Star Trek—The Next Generation." Dan designs and creates the visual effects shots, does his own photo-real matte paintings, and supervises the optical compositing. One of Dan's favorite hobbies is relaxing and playing with his 7-year-old son, Devin. ...**Ann Masotti Hengerer** (11011 Brent Road, Potomac, MD 20854) teaches French and ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. She and Ed have two children, Geoffrey (11) and Meg (7). ...**Betty Austin Page** (13807 Barryknoll, Houston, TX 77079) is the supervisor of information technology in charge of commercial application for Texaco Chemical Company. She is raising two sons, Austin (17) and Joel (12). ...We got a great return on our last solicitation for information (we still have some in the pipeline, so if you sent in some news but haven't seen it yet, take heart—we promise we'll get to it). If you still have that self-addressed "green letter" kicking around, send it on to us. (White paper letters are also just fine.)

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Class Secretaries: *Wendy Cole Singleton, 16109 Chalfont Circle, Dallas, TX 75248, and Lynn Markham Beebe, 12 Summerwood Road, W. Simsbury, CT 06092.*

We welcome **Steve Gray** and his family back to the Northeast (5 Kerry Lane, Hopkinton, MA 01748), after being away from New England for 19 years (North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania). Beginning August 1 as Associate Conference Minister of Stewardship and Financial Development for the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, Steve is responsible for working with the 460 Massachusetts UCC churches in planned giving, benevolent support, capital fund campaigns, and financial development. His wife, Lennie (U. of Tenn. '77), is now a staff R.N. at the New England Center for Autism. Daughter Stephanie (8) is in grade 3; son Andrew was 5 in October. We are looking forward to seeing Steve at Reunion. ...**Leland S. Person** is an associate professor of English at Southern Illinois University. He has authored a book, *Aesthetic Headaches: Women and Masculine Poetics in Poe, Melville, and Hawthorne*, which concentrates on three writers who created female characters who resist static fascination with female strength and "feminine" creative power. In demonstrating the presence and power of female characters who test the elasticity of male imagination and perception, Leland shows that these writers share many of the concerns of modern feminism, that their fiction challenges and even subverts the dominant, restrictive assumptions of the 19th century world. ...We received a nice article from the *Wall Street Journal* on **David** and Myra **Brautigam** entitled "Almost Heaven!" David and Myra and their 3-year-old son, August, own and operate Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Center, just "around the corner" from Middlebury. Since graduation, David had tried and dismissed other pursuits. He taught at a private school, ran a youth-service agency, managed a ski shop, and worked as a tennis pro. During the Vietnam War he was a conscientious objector, citing his religious beliefs, and put in two years of alternative service at a psychiatric hospital. During ski season, their days are 24 hours long, between grooming trails in the evening, catering to the skiers' needs, and preparing meals. We wish them luck and hope you can get up to visit them. ...**Darsie Phelps Riccio** wrote of the marriage of **Laura Decker** to James Stricklin on August 19, 1988, in Mobile, Alabama. Congratulations to Laura and James, who live at 3661 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608. ...In addition to doing "family management" (don't you love that phrase?), **Dijit Tripp Taylor** has begun working for a small non-profit organization called the New Hampshire Outdoor Council. The goal of NHOC is to raise money to help with outdoor safety education and maintain search and rescue. Dijit does marketing for them, getting their product—a cloisonne pin—into sporting goods and tourist shops. ...**Dick Crumb** has been named president of Skihaus in Middlebury. Dick was previously director of advertising at Tristar Sports. Connecticut's loss is Middlebury's gain and we look forward to seeing Dick and Anne (Einsiedler '71) and their children at the Skihaus. ...**Richard Bittman** (new address: 3808 N. Pine Grove Ave. 2S, Chicago, IL 60613) says to count him in for our reunion. Good News! ...The Rev. **Jeffrey E. Brown** has been elected minister of the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Potter Place, N.H. For the past 8 years, Jeffrey was minister of the Laconia Unitarian Universalist Church. He is also pursuing the study of American religious history at Harvard. ...It sure was great to see **Greg Lewis**, live from Seoul, many a night during the Olympics. Needless to say the diving coverage was fantastic! Greg writes that he and his wife and their two boys will be attending our reunion. He expects that we will all do our very best to attend as well, especially **Ralph Sexton, Dick Burge, Clai Carr, Tom Harrington, Ken Cox**, and **"Clubbo"**! Be there! ...**Louise Martin Lindemann** recently completed her M.S in education at Hofstra University. She is certified in English, French, and Latin. Louise teaches Latin and A.P. French at Schreiber High School in Port Washington, where she helped formulate a curriculum based on the communicative approach in teaching French. She and Bruce '68, who owns and manages several textile companies, have two children, Marc (12) and Danielle (8). ...The friendly College computer tells us that Mumeka **Mwanamwambwa**, daughter of **Amusaa** and Catherine Allagoa '70 **Mwanamwambwa**, is a senior at Middlebury this year. Good luck, Mumeka. ...Middlebury is the BEST! On that note, I will sign off. This is my last column (but who's counting!). Wendy and I had a lot of fun! I recommend this job to any of you! See you June 2-4.

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Class Secretaries: *J. Ashley Cadwell, RD 1, Box 56, Orchard Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753, and Thomas de Rogatis, 2510 The Strand, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.*

When Ashley and I discovered that we were not the recipients of the "1988 Outstanding Class Secretary" award given to those secretaries who have "distinguished themselves through well-written notes columns...," we were astounded and crestfallen. After Ashley's ingenious '70 Hippy's Vital Statistics questionnaire and humorous report of the results two years ago, we thought we were sure winners. (You're supposed to be smiling.) On a serious note, we would both like to apologize to all of you, especially those who have been diligent in keeping the College apprised of your whereabouts and

happenings, for our less than sterling performance. We clearly dropped the ball, but, we've picked it up and are off and running again. So, consider this the first of the series of class notes to be consistently reported between now and our 20th Reunion, after which you will no longer have Ashley and me to kick around. ...We were reminded of our responsibilities as class secretaries at **Randy Rowland**'s wedding on September 24. Randy and Ginny Fenn Harris were married in Burlington and had a great reception at the Mallet's Bay Club on Lake Champlain. Randy is chairman and CEO of Bertholon-Rowland, an insurance broker with offices in NYC, Chicago, D.C., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Bay Head, N.J., specializing in insurance products for affinity groups. He divides his time between his Colchester home and the company's New York City headquarters. A few nights before the wedding, Ashley, myself, and **Paul Reed** (some of you may know him by another name), and **Bill Moore** (some of you may know him by another name) gathered at Billy and Polly Mary Campbell's '82 home in Moretown for dinner and war stories. Paul and his wife, Louise, have two children and live in Stowe where Paul has a successful general contracting and excavating company, "Sundown Corp." Bill and Polly were blessed last January with the birth of their beautiful daughter, Catherine. Dinner was delicious, Bill offered a wonderful grace, there were lots of laughs, and Chester Moore (their golden retriever) enjoyed himself immensely as he assumed the prone position underneath the dinner table. ...**Bill Wallace** is immersed in helping finance our budget deficit as managing director and U.S. Government Securities sales manager for Morgan Stanley in New York. Bill, his wife Suzanne, William, and Amanda live in Pound Ridge, N.Y. ...In April 1988, **Dick Park** and family (Ann, Kris, and Will) met up with "Doc" **Peter Stacey** and family (Roxie and Richard) for a birding bonanza in southeast Arizona. Not rain nor snow nor a Chinese-American restaurant in Sierra Vista could dampen these lads' spirits. The trip highlight may have been when the boys wandered aimlessly for some 15,000 cm from their van, high in the Huachuca Mountains where they experienced a pair of buff-breasted flycatchers, one of only a handful of pairs in the United States. ...**Birgit Jacobsen** married Michael McCone in May 1988; they live in Orinda, Calif. In addition to dealing with orthodontia, choir practice, homework, and whatever else goes into raising Christian (11), Finn (8), and Molly Pillsbury (6), Birgit teaches decorative painting, runs a custom faux finishing firm, and is involved in the production of instructional video tapes. Michael is vice president of University Relations at John F. Kennedy University. ...**Woody Jackson** is busy keeping cow-mania alive and well and prospering. If you haven't seen his objets de cow in mail-order catalogs or in one of the more than 1,000 stores (including Macy's and Fortunoff) that sell the cow-laced items, you could have caught up with Woody in Forbes Magazine (July 11, 1988) where he pointed out that "Roy Lichtenstein had dots, Andy Warhol had soup cans. With me it's cows...." His five-year-old Holy Cow, Inc., has recently moved from Bristol to Middlebury. ...**Bill Dockery** reports from 15 Stubbs Road in Hong Kong that he is teaching English and translation courses at Lingnan College and continuing his interest in Chinese history and the Chinese language which began by being "well-served by the broad-based liberal arts curriculum of Middlebury." ...Congratulations to Terri and **Tom Karol** on the birth of Jason Arthur Karol on January 10, 1988. ...**Dorothy Shea Weinstein** is serving on the boards of directors of Umbrella, Catamount Arts, the Athenaeum, and the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Dotty, a health care assistant for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, lives in St. Johnsbury with husband David and their three children. ...**Bronwen Williams Flahive** of Bedford, N.H., has joined with two partners to form the College and Independent School Advisory Service, offering a comprehensive program to assist students and their parents in selecting and applying to schools. (Where was she when we needed her?) The counseling program consists of sessions on how schools evaluate applicants, how to choose the right school, preparation for campus visits and interviews, and what makes a good application essay. Upon program completion, students are given a list of specific school suggestions tailored to their own strengths and interests. Classmates with children in high school can reach Bonnie at (603) 472-5814. Despite being a cum laude graduate, Bronwen continues to pay little attention to my romantic overtures. Hope springs eternal though—after all, she and Terry '68 did name one of their children Thomas. ...The Rev. **Philip Cookson**, a part-time pastor at the Berlin (Vt.) Congregational Church for the last four years, also holds down a full-time job at the Department of Social Welfare. Phil notes that while his social work "could be recognized as a ministry, too," he is careful not to do religious counseling there, saying that, "I would consider it unscrupulous to use the resources of the state to further the aims of the church." ...**Sue Thompson** is the only member of our class to rival **Woody Jackson** in terms of numbers of news clips received. Living in Mystic, Conn., Sue received the 1986 Samuel French Morse Poetry Prize established in honor of a professor of English at Northeastern University. The prize allowed Sue to publish her first volume of poetry, *This Body of Silk*. Stating that she is not so idealistic as to think that she will ever make a living from her art, Sue just hopes to "break even on the postage that I use to send my work to publications." ...Dr. **Nancy G. Heller**, art historian and freelance writer, was last heard about in July 1987. Nancy was scheduled to present an illustrated slide lecture on the history of women painters and sculptors in the western world at the Central Library in her home town of Arlington, Va. ...**Mike Satzow**'s North Country Smokehouse in Claremont, N.H., is a thriving business with such notable clients as Bloomingdale's, L.L. Bean, and Hickory Farms of Ohio. In one news clip, a journalist reports that Mike "discusses smoked duck and Polish kielbasa with the reverence of a parish priest." Adds Mike, "We highlight the fact that we're part of the New England tradition. People associate Vermont and New Hampshire with high quality products. It all goes back to the pilgrims, Robert Frost, and Bing Crosby movies." ...**John Baker** was recently promoted to vice president and group head, corporate banking, by the board of directors of Shawmut Home Bank in Meriden, Conn. ...**May Coors** and husband Sharad report the birth of son Ashwin Alexander Coors Atre who arrived at 5:13 p.m. on November 6, 1987, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Ashwin joins Sebastian, who was born in 1985, and we hope May still feels that mothering is "about the most beautiful experience" of her life. Still triathlon training? ...Reporting from Mount Vernon, N.Y., in her September 1987 letter, we learned that **Pamela J. Brooks** and John F. Van Camp were married on August 13, 1987. Pam wrote that she had one date with John in high school (her first date) and that they didn't get together again until their 20th high school reunion in October 1986. (Who knows what's in store for some of us at our 20th?) It's a first marriage for both and Pam says she likes "mid-life changes, first all my jobs changes after a long career in one field, and now this!" For the record, Pam's keeping her name. ...**Margaret Floyd McCann**, who received a Ph.D. degree in epidemiology from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, is now a part-time member of its faculty. Meg and husband **Richard McCann** have two children, Jennifer and Joshua, who were featured in the summer 1985 *Middlebury College Magazine* as they were negotiating Proctor Terrace while in attendance at our 15th Class Reunion. They've recently moved into a new house in the country, mid-way between Duke and UNC, where their address is 105 Wisteria Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919-489-0423). ...Now from the better-late-than-never category (pre-1987, as best I can tell from this 2-inch-thick folder of notes and news clips): **Karla Baehr Deletis** was appointed school superintendent in Wellesley, Mass. After rave reviews as associate superintendent for curriculum and instruction, Karla was the school committee's unanimous choice; they didn't even bother to conduct a search. ...Joanie and **Mike Cudahy** sent a 1986 Christmas card to Ashley and Louise. Together with daughter Catherine, they were on their way to Washington, D.C., where Mike was presenting his first case before the United State Supreme Court. (Amazing what *five* years at Middlebury can do. Only kidding, Shuttle, you know we love you dearly.) ...**Jack Rudnick**, assistant general counsel and assistant secretary of Oneida, Ltd., in Oneida, N.Y. (no doubt promoted by now), wrote in spring 1986 that in addition to his legal work, he and his wife have collaborated on two sons. Update us, Jack! ...**Hersey (Pete) Egginton** seems to be doing well and maintaining good feelings about Middlebury, but after three hours of working on these class notes on a flight from NYC to LA, I am too stressed out to have the patience to decipher his handwriting. Obviously, Hersey didn't take Red Kelly's "Minor Sports and Games" at Middlebury, a course for which good penmanship was a prerequisite. He is marketing Director for Johnny Walker, plays a lot of pathetic customer golf, lives with wife Quincy (a graphic artist and professor) and daughters Abigail and Katherine in Chappagua, N.Y. ...**Al Perry** moved from Salt Lake City to Minneapolis in early 1986 and then to Boise, Idaho, in early 1987. Hopefully, he hasn't moved again. As far as we know, he is the Associate Director of the VA Medical Center in Boise. Notwithstanding the arrival of daughter Amanda, who joined her older sister Meredith in the Perry household, Al still finds time for an occasional marathon, triathlon, and 10k. Next time in Boise, we're all invited to his home which has "lots of visitor room." ...Although this next note goes all the way back to June 1983 (it was trying to catch up with Al, our former class secretary, as he traveled around the country), I can't resist reporting on **Jim "Bolt" Watson**. Jim was living in Utah and is apparently married (I guess we have to remove the moniker "Bolt"), and we're delighted that he is finally with someone he "should have met 15 years ago." ...**Ma Prem Kavita** (aka **Lili Jaretzki**) wrote that she is working in a GMC truck dealership in Maine. After traveling, working, and seeking for many years, she is enjoying playing and composing music. Ma Prem expressed curiosity as to how she was tracked down after all these years. Ashley's response: "The true meaning of 'to seek' is most profoundly manifest in the College's alumni relations (and fund-raising office)." Spoken like a true x-development officer. ...Notwithstanding my congratulatory note to **Robert (Nitzi) Rabin** on his restaurant's fine review in *The New York Times*, I didn't make the cut in being

invited to the "tasting dinner" at his Brewster, Mass., establishment, Chillingsworth Brewster. If you find yourself on Route 6A in Brewster, stop in—it sounds great. ...**Kelley Hunter** wrote upon graduation with her master's degree from The Graduate Program at Vermont College of Norwich University. She was working for the university in admissions and is very involved in the field of astrology, "helping to modernize this ancient system of psychology into a form appropriate for today's nuclear age." Kelley was also on the board of directors for Center Stage Company, a theater group in central Vermont. She saw classmate **Ed Miller**, an attorney in Northfield and someone we'd like to hear from. How are you, Ed? The Oakland A's could have used you in the World Series. ...**Anne Eggleston** was promoted to vice president/director of communications at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, where she has been since 1977. ...**Barbara Barickman** wrote Ashley and Louise a nice note. She was hanging out in Santa Fe, New Mexico, probably having a better time than most of us. We need an update, Barbara. ...**Kathy Wardwell Roser** and husband Craig report from Durango, Colo., that they and their two daughters, Emily and Claire, are "poking along enjoying life and the mountains of southwest Colorado." ...**Fred Johnston** is believed still to be a partner and head of the Charlotte, N.C., operations of Vermont-based Pizzagalli Development Co. and Pizzagalli Investment Co. We think Fred and Deborah have four children. ...**Sherm White** wrote about a year ago—or two. "We've (Patty and two children) been living in splendid isolation in Jeffersonville, Vt. We've got the house about 90 percent done and it's worked out well...tight...our gas bill for the first year for heat and hot water was $600. It's also nice to look out our living room window at 240 property-tax-paying condos, and know that the town can and will support education....I'm dividing my time between lawyering and skiing....Traveling a lot for the Ski Instructors Association....Did some great canoeing north of Quebec City last summer. The river was great; the bugs weren't bad; the scenery was off and on. When the Canadians log, they don't mess around...the large expanse we paddled through looked like nuclear test sites." ...And finally, about your class secretaries: The last year for me has been pretty uneventful. Other than resigning my position as president of a small publicly-owned investment bank, moving from New York City to Los Angeles, buying a house at the beach, and getting married, not much else has happened. I have spent most of my time trying to out-tan George Hamilton. I'll probably have some serious news for you in the next edition of our class notes. ...Since resigning from the College's development office, **Ashley** first went into partnership with **Bill Moore**, designing and building single family homes as "Cadwell & Moore." Recently, Ashley has focused all his energies on a new passion—the development of a 450-unit planned village on 380 acres on East Middlebury Brush Hill. (Bill has become "Moore, Inc.") Envisioning a development unlike suburban sprawl, Ashley's "Villages of Vermont, design development" has a plan which features a mixture of homes and businesses grouped together, with plenty of open space for recreation. While people tell him that his project is visionary, Ashley is most intent on "ending the tyranny of the automobile and aiming at an environment where kids could be safely let out the back door to roam where they wanted." With typical modesty, Ashley notes that he is not visionary and points out that his idea is "nothing but a return to the tried-and-true pattern of the traditional New England town." ...In closing, let me apologize in advance for any outdated or inaccurate information. The next installment of notes promises to be both timely and accurate. Additionally, let me say that, although this was a cumbersome exercise, it was lots of fun and well worth the effort. Finally, Ashley—you owe me. Many thanks to all of you who wrote and an appeal for news to all of you who didn't as we approach our 1990 Class Reunion.

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Class Secretaries: *Paula Morgan Wyman, RD 1, Box 1395, Arlington, VT 05250, and Gay Mann Folland, RFD 1, Box 180-2A1 Tasker Hill Road, Conway, NH 03818.*

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Class Secretaries: *Judy McCormack Culhane, P.O. Box 25864, Honolulu, HI 96825, and William E. Carlough, 54 Pleasant Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570.*

Paul Johnston, the curator of maritime history at the Peabody Museum of Salem, Massachusetts, has been appointed to the board of directors of the National Maritime Alliance, which was formed to promote awareness of America's maritime heritage. ...**Albert Coffrin** has been named executive vice president of commercial lending at the Merchants Bank in Burlington, Vt. ...After seven years in Honolulu, **Judy McCormack Culhane** finally saw **Bill Lucas** at a Middlebury alumni gathering she hosted. Bill returned to Hawaii in 1976 after Middlebury, Tuck, and working for Arthur Anderson in Boston. He runs a one-man insurance agency in downtown Honolulu. ...Lou and **Nancy Morgan Serpa** are the proud parents of a son, Michael Morgan Serpa, born October 6, 1988.

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Class Secretary: *Mary Farley, 27 Horseshoe Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549.*

Congratulations to **Frank Pallone**, who was elected in November to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Democrat representing New Jersey's 3rd congressional district. ...WITCOM, a corporate video production company, has promoted **Kate Holland** to vice-president/general manager. Kate is active in the International Television Association, Women in Film, and the New England Producers Association, and is also guest-lecturing for NEPA's seminars on production management for corporate video. ...**Lesley Cadman** and Jim Catalano have a new son, Jesse, born October 1, 1988.

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Class Secretary: *Peter Colton, 1381 Arona St., St. Paul, MN 55108.*

Could it be? Yes! Rarer than a Dan Quayle position paper, it's a 1974 class notes column! ...**Philip B. Davis** is an attorney specializing in federal civil rights litigation involving issues of free speech, wrongful termination, and police misconduct. Since 1984 he has been the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico. Phil and wife Lee have two children, Rachel (10) and Nicholas (6). They see Peter Parnegg '75 quite regularly. Peter, who is married and has an infant son, has taken over the management of his father's realty company. ... Frederick and **Catherine Lynch Deichmann** and their four children are ensconced in a new home in Ridgefield, Conn., having moved from Simsbury. ...Dr. **Bonnie Jeanne Goodwin** is an oncologist/hematologist in New Bern, N.C. Bonnie earned her medical degree at Dartmouth and completed her residency at the Duke University Medical Center. In February 1988 Bonnie was married to Stanley Francis Dzimitrowicz, a therapist/clinical social worker, originally from Norfolk, Va. ...**Crystal Dornhoeffer Gromer** is an assistant professor of English at Vermont Technical College. ...**Karen Massey** and her husband, Jeffrey Thaler, report the birth of a son, Kai Massey Thaler, on December 23, 1987. ...**Robert S. Mattison** is a member of the faculty at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. Bob delivered the fall 1988 Thomas Roy and Lura Forrest Jones faculty lecture on the life and work of contemporary painter Grace Hartigan. Two Jones Lectureships are awarded at Lafayette each year in recognition of superior teaching and excellence in scholarship. Bob has also authored a book on Hartigan, the first comprehensive study of her work. His previous book, *Robert Motherwell: The Formative Years*, was published in 1987 by UMI Research Press. Bob has written numerous articles, reviews, and essays on contemporary art and catalogs of exhibitions by Hartigan, Motherwell, and other artists. ...**Jane Peatling** (7505 Fort Loudon Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236) and Marlin Barnes announce the birth of their son, David Barnes Peatling, born April 14, 1988. ...**Timothy Rub** continues as the assistant director of the Hood Art Museum at Dartmouth. He oversees the exhibitions program, coordinates grant proposals, and, during the stages of exhibition planning, works with the catalog publisher in the preparation of text and photographs for the show. ...**Michael Schlegel** has left Manufacturers Hanover after 14 years and, with three partners, has formed a New York City-based trade finance company, Trading Alliance Corporation. ...**Barry Schultz** continues as mastermind and administrative guru at Keewaydin Environmental Education Center in Salisbury, Vt. ...**Eric Shapiro** has been promoted to first vice president, director of the general obligation, lease, and education group at Financial Guaranty Insurance Company, based in New York City. ...**Thomas H. Stillman** and Mary Taylor Danforth were married September 10, 1988, in Washington, D.C. Tom has been negotiating skating time and a part-time coaching position with the Washington Capitals. ...**Amy Wapner Studenroth** and husband Zachary live on the north shore of Long Island with their three children—Jacob Zell (5/3/81), Jenny Rebecca (9/11/84), and Noah Gallant (5/25/88). Zachary is preservation services coordinator for the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, and does consulting work for Columbia University and other private agencies. He is vice president of the Huntington Historical Society and a member of the Huntington Historic Preservation Commission. Amy has a private practice as a dance/movement and family therapist. She edited the *American Journal of Dance Therapy* for three years and is on its editorial board. She traveled to Japan in the fall of '88 to do intensive psychiatric training in dance/movement therapy to hospital staff. In their spare time, Amy and Zach are working diligently to restore their Victorian home in Huntington village, and go antiquing and auctioning. ...**Jim Ware** (90 East Bare Mill Road, Harvard, MA 01450) and Sharon McCarthy were married October 10, 1987. They live in a late 18th-century home, complete with barn. Sharon is an

environmental scientist in Wakefield specializing in indoor air pollution; Jim continues as a manager in the tax department at Digital. ...Mark your calendars for our 15th Reunion Weekend, June 2 through 4. No proxies will be available; your attendance is what matters.

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Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown, 1 Roseland Road, Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald, 313 5th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Our news this issue comes from the New England area. ...Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano **Meredith Parsons** left NYC behind for a while in January to return to Vermont for her roles as the Witch and the Mother in Engelbert Humperdinck's 1893 opera *Hansel and Gretel*. The production, a cooperative effort between the Brattleboro Opera Theater and the Middlebury College Opera Workshop, was received enthusiastically by sellout crowds at nine separate performances in Middlebury, Brattleboro, and Rutland. In addition to her participation in last season's Met productions of Wagner's *Das Rheingold* and *Gotterdammerung*, Meredith's lovely voice can be heard on the recently-released Deutsche Grammaphon recording of *Das Rheingold*, conducted by James Levine. ...The board of directors of the Quabaug Corporation in North Brookfield, Mass., recently elected **Kevin Donahue** as vice president of marketing and sales in their custom mixing division. Kevin went on from Middlebury to Suffolk University where he received his MBA in 1979, joining Quabaug in 1980 as a sales representative. Kevin's division is a quality producer of custom mixed rubber compounds for industrial use. Other departments of the company produce world famous Vibram soles and heels, and high quality shoe repair materials used throughout North America. Kevin lives in West Brookfield, Mass., with wife Carol Porter Donahue '76 and their children, Annie (6) and Kevin Jr. (5). Living with little children appears not to have aged Kevin at all. The photo of him in the newspaper article we received showed him to be the same youthful guy we knew at Midd (or could it have been a copy of his yearbook photo?!?) Kevin told us that **Mark Uppendahl** is married with two small children. Mark lives on Cape Cod and owns a racquet/health club in Yarmouth, Mass. Mark and Kevin try to make it up to Middlebury each year for the Alumni Golf Tournament. ...**Michael Dworkin** is general counsel of the Vermont Public Service Board. He lives in East Montpelier with his wife, Loring Starr '73, who is assistant director of the Governor's Commission on Women. They have two children, Samuel (4) and Alice (2).

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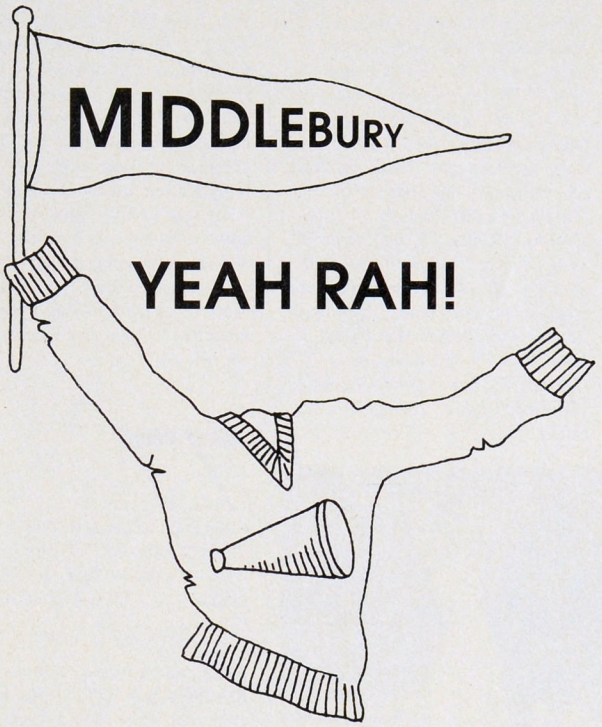
Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Jonathan L. Drake (Cathy Colton), 546 Hilaire Road, St. Davids, PA 19087, and Jim Vear, 4129 N. Oakley, Chicago, IL 60618.*

Wedding bells, birth announcements, and new jobs highlight the news. Congratulations go out to **Suzanna Sherry** and Paul Edelman who were married July 3, 1988. Paul, a '76er out of Swarthmore College, is professor of mathematics at the University of Minnesota. Suzanna is now a full professor, WITH tenure, at the same university's law school. Their new address is 2844 Sunset Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416. ...Also taking the plunge into the world of wedded bliss was **Rick Goldstein**, who married Alison Lynch Miller in September 1988. The happy couple has 'settled down' (???) in San Francisco, where Rick is a practicing physician. Their address is 4553 A 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94114. ...Of course marriage often leads to children (amongst other things!). Charles and **Jill Cowperthwaite Jones** have provided their daughter Caroline with a baby sister: Lucy Brosius Jones, born August 20, 1988. Daughter number two arrived for Annie and **Steve Rodgers**: Rebecca Claire Rodgers, born September 13, 1988. Rebecca's sister, Kary, is willing (so far) to put up with her new sibling, but she has let her parents know, in no uncertain terms, that she does not appreciate this intrusion on HER privacy. As you experienced parents out there might have guessed, Kary just recently turned two. ...As the senior editor of the Weekly Reader Children's Book Club in Middletown, Conn., **Steve Fraser** has a new job in a new locale. Steve and wife Lorraine, and daughters Julia and Charlotte, had to depart the friendly confines of Honesdale, Pa., and have gladly become immigrant New Englanders. ...After five years of temporary teaching positions in Taiwan and Ohio (Ohio State University), **Tom Ernst** has a tenure-track position as assistant professor in the linguistics department of the University of Delaware. He's happy to be back in the East after 12 years away, living in Newark—"no, not Noo Joisy, but Delaware, and it's pronounced 'New Ark'—a very pleasant little town, and for excitement I often go up to Philadelphia." His address is 260 Elkton Road #1-7, Newark, DE 19716. "I still play soccer, do a little music here and there, and am generally more laid back than I used to be before getting a hint of what job security in academia might be like." ...And speaking of Newark (no, not



We all have contact with them — the Middlebury cheerleaders. Those fellow alumni who go out of their way to promote and support our alma mater. Volunteers who plan and host alumni events. Class secretaries and agents who go the extra mile to keep you in-touch and interested in the happenings of Middlebury and it's alumni. Alumni who work with CC&P to help us plug into the alumni network of a new city. Alumni volunteers who work with Admissions to talk to high school students interested in applying to Middlebury.

Since 1940, the Middlebury College Alumni Association has awarded the Alumni Plaque at Reunion Convocation to one man and one woman whose service to Middlebury has benefitted the College, its students and alumni.

There are over 19,000 living alumni of Middlebury College. We can't keep up with everyone's activities and ask for your suggestions on whom to honor as our outstanding alumni. Besides nominees for the Alumni Plaque we are also looking for alumni to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and as Alumni Trustees and for alumni who should be recognized with the Alumni Achievement Award. Please include a letter of recommendation and any background material that may be available to:

Hugh Marlow '57
Alumni Relations/Forest Hall
Middlebury College, Middlebury VT
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Married in their new hometown of Manchester, Mass., on November 5, 1988, Jay and Elizabeth Tayntor Gowell '78 were feted at a reception in Gloucester with (front row, from left) Marnie Brewster '78, Nancy Rome von Maltzhan '78, Leslie Davis '78, the newlyweds, Laura Boucher '80, Lucy Newell Hancock '78, (top row) Asa Phillips '79, Jeff Plank '78, Josie Ottman '77, Patrick Littlefield (son of Prof. David Littlefield and the bandleader), Bob Dewitt '78, Alison Betts Dewitt '78, Sue McFarland Moynahan '78, Linda Greene Ortwein '78, Beezie Johnson Bradley '78, Court Chilton '78, and Dick Eaton '78.

Marian Melcher '78 married John Hanson on June 11, 1988. Middlebury guests includedJeanne Sutton Hamm '79, Dan Melcher (Bread Loaf '77), Anne McClelland Sullivan '78, Sandy Buzby '79, the bride and bridegroom, Susan Huffman '79, Claudia Strong Fulton '78, and—not in picture—David Ayres '78.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Eric L. Peters (Libet Campbell), P.O. Box 1, Edgartown, MA 02539, and Mr. Robert C. Lindberg, 6 Jefferson St., E. Granby, CT 06026.*

After an 11-year silence, **Ned Bradford** has written! He has just graduated from Bread Loaf and is teaching in the PAL Program (Program of Advancement in Learning) at Curry College. The program "mainstreams bright learning disabled or dyslexic students into a four-year liberal arts curriculum." Ned asks, "Where is everyone?" ...**Christopher Tromara** is living it up in Europe with skiing in Austria, hiking in Switzerland, and weekends in Paris, while finishing his Army obligation in family practice. He and his wife are based in Germany. Although he finds the high volume of Army medicine and the daily commute somewhat frustrating, it's a small price to pay for great vacation time. ...**Meg Gross Howard** announces the arrival of Elias Brennan on February 10, 1988. She reports her most recent major accomplishment as finding "a permanent foster home for **Beth Baldwin**'s Siamese cat," and spends her free time hiking, reading, and refinishing old doors and window trim. ...After a three-year stint practicing law, followed by a one-year L.L.M. program, and two years of teaching federal taxation in Denver, **Alison Ross** joined Coopers & Lybrand last September as part of their tax staff. She married another Denver lawyer on November 19, right after the CPA exam. ...**Bill Hosley** is on the podium again, showing slides and speaking at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford on "Architecture as a Signpost of the Past, 1650-1840." ...Featured in a Vermont newspaper, **Karen Amirault** mentioned that she choreographed three musicals at the same time—*Fiddler on the Roof* for the White River Valley Players, *Pippin* for St. Michael's College, and *Mame* for Thetford Academy. She was working on a show for First Night Burlington '89 and hoped to return to Australia, where she spent six weeks two years ago. ...**Valerie Fischer Bang-Jensen** reports that she graduated from Smith in '77, taught in NYC, then married Lars Bang-Jensen, an attorney, and moved to Paris for two years. She returned to get an M.A. at Columbia in curriculum and teaching, then followed her husband to Ithaca while he got a Ph.D. in government. Now he works on Capitol Hill and she raises 2-year-old Bree while doing free-lance writing and consulting. Valerie's address is 6691 Hillandale Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. ...**Zelda Lolette Johnson** was cited as one of the outstanding young women of America for her professional and civic contributions by the board of advisors of the Outstanding Young Women of America organization. She lives in Chester, Pa., where she is president of DataBase Services. ...Named to the position of assistant lacrosse coach at Cornell, **Sam Carpenter** will be leaving the University of Denver. ...**Patricia McNamara**, chief of the Victim Witness Bureau in the Office of the Middlesex, Mass., County District Attorney, spoke at a forum in Malden on the rights of victims. She has co-authored a book for children on the court process as well as a script for a training video on interviews of young victims of sexual abuse. ...Surgeons **Jim Goulet** and **John Feldenzer** operate together on patients with fractured spines in Ann Arbor, Mich., where they maintain a friendship that began back in Stewart in the fall of '73. Jim and wife Lisa had their first child, Rachel, in May 1988; John and wife Karen Carlson Feldenzer '76 have two children, Kristin (4) and Andrew (1). ...We want to thank you all for writing in your responses to our mailing. Keep the cards coming!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Arthur Hancock, Jr. (Lucy Newell), 15 Amber Road, Hingham, MA 02043, and Robert K. Race, 21 Willowdale Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.*

After six years of teaching at St. John's School in Bangor, Maine, **Mary Beth Lewis DiMarco** recently accepted an elementary Chapter 1 teaching position in the Southern Aroostook County school system in Houlton, Maine. Prior to teaching, Mary Beth attended the Summer Language Institute in Saltillo, Mexico, and completed undergraduate work at Del Mar College, Texas A&I, and Corpus Christi State University. Mary Beth and her husband live in Houlton. ...**Blair Childs** is on the faculty of the Center for Applied Management. He is also executive director of the American Tort Reform Association (ATRA), a coalition of some 400 organizations representing 35 million Americans. ... Michelle and **Bob Culnane** have moved from Darien to Wilton, Conn., along with children Courtney and Christopher. Bob is an investment banker with Goldman, Sachs and Company in New York. In their spare time, the Culnanes like to ski and sail. ... Fred and **Wendy King Bellows** (438 W. Horseshoe Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234) were married on April 12, 1987. Their daughter, Regina, was born on March 30, 1988. Fred operates a car stereo store in Chandler, Ariz., and Wendy plans to start her own writing/desktop publishing company. ...Jay and **Liz Tayntor Gowell** (8 Rockwood Heights Road, Manchester, MA 01944) were married in Manchester, Mass., on November 5, 1988. A large crowd of Middlebury folks attended the wedding and the reception, which was in Gloucester. Following the wedding, Liz and Jay vacationed in the Florida keys. ...The lone Vermont representative in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul was **Terry White**, who competed in the two- and four-man kayak events. We never heard the final results from Seoul, Terry, so please let us know how you did! Terry and three of his teammates placed fourth in the Los Angeles Games in 1984, and Terry was a member of the four-man team that won a gold medal at the Pan-Am Games in 1987. ...That's all for now. Please let us know if you are getting hitched, having babies, changing jobs, moving, traveling, or making news of any kind. We'll add your notes to the column!

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Class Secretaries: *Margaret A. Paine, P.O. Box 1522, Manchester Center, VT 05255, and Tiffany Nourse Sargent, P.O. Box 333, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We are moving right along with Reunion plans and hope you've marked your calendars for June 2-4, 1989! Several responses have arrived, bringing some updated news: Heading for warmer climes, **Alan Brown** is now an assistant professor of chemistry at Florida Institute of Technology (3151 S. Babcock St., #39, Melbourne, FL 32901) where he is enjoying a much less frenetic pace than the one experienced in NYC. ...Working as a real estate developer in Chicago, **Tom Snitzer** married Sharon Sullivan, a lawyer with the Corporation Counsel of Chicago, on October 16, 1988. Their new address is 737 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60610. ...Augustus and **Laurel Macaulay Jordan** (1815 Winston Drive, South Bend, IN 46635) are both enrolled in doctoral programs at the University of Notre Dame. Laurie is working on a Ph.D. in theology with a major in Christian ethics; Gus is in counseling psychology. Previously, Laurie had been serving in churches and at the conference level in upstate New York. Laurie and Gus have two children, Andrew (1/12/83) and Kath-

erine (3/18/86). ...We understand that **Tom Cummins** is also at Notre Dame, teaching mathematics. ...Returning to Midd each summer to teach at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, **Chris Merrill** had been writing poetry in Utah and is now the director of the Santa Fe Writers' Conference. ...A daughter, Hallett Tiffany (Hallie), was born to Bill and **Tiffany Nourse Sargent** on September 26, 1988. Hallie, who missed being born on her dad's birthday by one day, has been very gentle on her parents. What a joy! ...**Kerry Wing** has left Houghton-Mifflin and is now doing marketing work for a small computer firm just outside of Boston. Having recently returned from a trip to Spain, she is excited about her new venture. ...Peggy and **Peter Briggs** have sold their lakefront property and built a new home at RR 1, Box 447, Hinesburg, VT 05461. ...Ed and **Terri Dumas-Samson** have a new son, Alexander Bennet Samson, born February 27, 1988. They moved from NYC to Tarrytown in September (17 Evergreen Way, North Tarrytown, NY 10591). Terri, who received an MBA from Pace University, is marketing director of RAB Electric Manufacturing Company. She plans to attend Reunion along with her father, Ralph H. Dumas '34, who will be attending his 55th Reunion! ...**Sandra Kunhardt** married Frank Basile on June 4, 1988. Sandra and Frank first met 10 years ago as classmates in Italian grammar at Middlebury's School in Florence. Appropriately, they decided to return to Italy for their honeymoon. Frank is now a first-year student at Cornell University Medical College in Manhattan. Sandra is an associate producer with her brother Peter '75 for Peter's television production company, Kunhardt Productions, in NYC, which has been busy producing shows for *20/20, The Geraldo Rivera Specials*, and HBO. ...**Judith Russ** married Robert Habasevich on October 1, 1988. Susan Soltis Shaw '77 was Judith's matron of honor and **Susan Bender** sang during the ceremony. ...Gery and **Susan Weinberg Muncey** have moved from Texas to Wilton, Conn. They invite any Midd folks to stop by when passing through on the Merritt Parkway. ...**Nancy Karlson** and **Brian Calhoun** have left Colorado to spend the year in Boston. Nancy is an architect; Brian is on a fellowship in anesthesiology. Getting psyched to escape the city, they were planning an April move to Vermont. ...Tyler has a new sister as Roger and **Deborah Fish Butler** had a daughter, Dana, born July 25, 1988. ...**Ted Kramer** has opened his own law office in Brattleboro, Vt. He earned his law degree from Georgetown, having previously worked for another law firm in Brattleboro. ...**Pat Durkin**, a finance associate with First Boston Corporation in NYC, was one of three members of the Brady Commission's executive staff, responsible for the writing and production of the report on how and why Black Monday occurred, and how to prevent a similar crash. Pat, a graduate of Dartmouth's Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, drafted portions of the report himself, at the direction of the 5-member panel. ...Living in Maynard, Mass., Randy '80 and **Mary MacKenzie Corke** have three children since the birth of Lauren Elizabeth on April 4, 1988. Mary ran into Andy and **Susie Devine** while apple picking in Stow, Mass. Susie is on leave from work with a young son. They also saw **Dave Lauten** last September. ...**Robin Yurkevicj** and husband Marc Restuccia are living in the Worcester, Mass., area where Robin is an internist. ...**Linc Jackson** has left Colorado for a two-year teaching stint in Vienna. Now THAT kind of excuse we'll accept for not being able to attend our 10th Reunion, but we hope the rest of you will make every effort to join us in June. Thanks to all of you who have been responding to our mailings and to those who are helping with Reunion! See you then!

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Frank '83 and **Sue Meier Burke** (3517 West 39th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410) are enjoying life in Minneapolis where Frank is in product management for General Mills. They have a new daughter, Madison Anne, born October 10, 1988. Speaking of the Burkes, Frank's sister Sally '84 married **Mike McNamara** on September 10, 1988. Congrats and best wishes to them as they settle into married life in Boston, where Mike is an account representative for Advo, a direct mail marketing company, and Sally is still in personnel at GTE. ...Even though Eric and **Wendy Behringer Nelson** (3045 Jackson Street, #603, San Francisco, CA 94115) miss Boston, they are finding San Francisco an easy city to enjoy. Wendy is the associate director of major gifts for the University of California/San Francisco; Eric is the manager for scientific affairs for Athena Neurosciences, Inc., a start-up biotechnology company in the Bay Area. They have had several visitors to help them explore the beaches and mountains of northern California, including **Beth McCombs, John** and **Henri Lazaridis Power**, and Roger and **Mary Petkiewicz Wilmarth.** Wendy also reports that Michael and **Caryn Underhill Harkins** are settled into their new house in Andover, Mass. Caryn is enjoying work at Paine Webber in Andover. ... Working in publishing, **Heather Cross** enjoys working in downtown Boston at Federal Research Press/The John Liner Organization. She and **Beth McCombs** are perfecting their squash games at a prominent Boston club. ...**Peter Campbell** has moved to the San Francisco area where he is working for the venture capital firm of Burr, Egan, Deleage. ...**Paul Maselli** has joined the Princeton law firm of Stark & Stark, where he will practice commercial bankruptcy litigation. ...**Jen Gold** has a new job with American Express, marketing the new "Optima" card. Her job involves extensive travel, which has helped her keep in touch with a number of our classmates—**Debby Richman, John Buerger,** and **Paul Cramer**, to name a few. ...After receiving a degree in printing conservation from the Courtauld Institute in London, **Kermit Cederholm** worked for the National Gallery of Art and a private conservation lab in New Hampshire. Now living at 45 Sinai Circle, Chelmsford, MA 01824, Kermit recently opened his own printing conservation studio: Carmichael and Cederholm Associates at 31 Brown Street, Methuen, MA 01844. He and his partner treat paintings for New England corporations, historical societies, and collectors. ...**Rick Present** (1774 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910) is alive and well and working in Chevy Chase as the coordinator of test development for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO). The NBEO is the national testing service (the "ETS") of optometry. When Rick isn't "doing optometric stuff," he has numerous volunteer jobs and plays in pit orchestras for community theaters putting on Broadway musicals. ...**Marcia Cleary, Wendy Behringer Nelson**, and **John Vergara** were present for the christening of **Susie Norsworthy Masko**'s daughter, Alexandra, in West Boothbay Harbor, Maine, last August. Susie is the senior merchandise analyst of the housewares department at the Target Stores headquarters in Minneapolis. ...**Robin Hirsch** attended the wedding of **Rachel Hitchcock** and Peter Hayashi on July 2, 1988, in Pittsburgh. Peter and Rachel have settled in Miami, Fla.,

At the Gunstock Ski Area, Gilford, New Hampshire, October 1, 1988, themarriage of Ruth Turner '81 and G. Hayden McLaughlin (Univ. of Maine '80) was celebrated by David Seaman '78, Stephen Burke '81 (kneeling), Elizabeth Pope Seaman '81, Martha Turner '77, Cynthia Murphy Burke '81, the newlyweds, Holli Gunther '81, Wendy Bassett Patrick '81, Paula Knight Jeffries '45, and D. Benjamin Mathes '81.

Middlebury alumni present at the June 25, 1988 wedding of Polly Mitchell '82 and Todd Ranson included (standing from left) Corinne Corrigan '81, Peter Herzberg (M.A. English '83), Sy Marchand '56, the bridegroom, John Buerger '82, Brian Weeks '82, Andy Regan '82, Andy Kirkaldy '75, Kristine Barnes Kirkaldy '82, (seated from left) Carolyn Jenkins Weitz '82, Sheila Creamer '82, the bride, Priscilla Coburn '82, and Al Wagman '82.

Liz Triplett '84 married Don Blakelock in Rye, N.Y., on September 17, 1988, with a number of Middlebury friends in attendance: (from left) Claire, Peter, and Ben Wilson (family of Prof. Christopher Wilson who is barely visible at back left), Christine ("Tina") Nef '84, Ann Slimmon '83 (barely visible at back), Alexis Gibson '84, Tricia Lenehan '84, Chris Chandler Baker '84, Adam Baker '84, the newlyweds, Steve Siegel '84, Ann Bacot Igoe '84, and Allegra deBonaventura Hogan '83.

where Peter is pursuing a degree in psychology and Rachel is teaching school. Also present at the wedding were **Ellen Harris Swiggett,** Stephen Hertz '81, and **Susan MacGregor-Shaw.** Robin reports that she visited Dave '81 and **Lydia Mason Hill** in Philadelphia, where Dave is a student and Lydia is teaching at a private school. Robin has also kept in touch with **Brett Summers**, who continues to practice law with Wilkie, Farr, and Gallagher in New York City. ...And last, but certainly not least, two of our classmates returned to Midd this summer to try to escape the heat: **Kathy Havard** attended the Bread Loaf School of English while **"Uncle Woody" Woodsum** was on the staff. Lucky them! What about the rest of you?

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Class Secretaries: *Allison D. Burroughs, 2429 Locust St., #202, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and Kenneth F. Edwards, 1 Waban St., Wellesley, MA 02181.*

Those of you who missed seeing our class banner—the masterwork of **Carolyn Koontz**—at Reunion '88, be sure to see it on the alumni events calendar on page 53. ...**Dan Elish** is following in the footsteps of the authors of *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *Mr. Pudkins*. His book, *The Worldwide Dessert Contest* has been widely acclaimed as "a zany extravaganza" where good triumphs over evil in a battle over who can make the greatest dessert in the world. Dan, who in college was known more for his zest for writing musical productions and producing radio shows with **John Canaday**, embarked upon his project after reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He reasoned that *Chocolate Factory* wasn't just good humor to keep sixth graders occupied but was also adult humor placed within an outrageous and fantastic framework. Inspired, he dove head first into his own project and a book began to come together in February 1986. With a summer at Middlebury's Bread Loaf Writer's Conference and the on-going encouragement and critique-ing of **Dave Hill, John Canaday**, and others, Dan found the right formula. After Dan was given five minutes to read his book to attendees at the Writers' Conference, former Middlebury English Professor David Huddle asked Dan, "Do you have a publisher?" The rest is history. With the help of editor Richard Jackson, Dan has come up with a winner. The winning combination, Dan claims, "is to develop a character, John Applefeller, that readers can identify and sympathize with." As Applefeller's attempts to make the world's greatest dessert are continually thwarted by the vile Sylvester Sweet, readers really begin to root for young John. Dan reports that the book is selling well to its intended market of 9- through 11-year olds—so well, in fact, that Dan has embarked on another soon-to-be-published work, *The Baseball Bear*, a book about a baseball-crazed polar bear. If you're an elementary school teacher or if you're just interested in some fun and fantastic humor you can order the book through your local book store or from Orchard Books/Franklin Watts, Inc., 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016 (1-800-843-3749). ...**Ruth-Anne Kennedy** is now working in Burlington, Vt., where she has been appointed national/regional sales development manager for the *Burlington Free Press*. Ruth was one of the many Middlebury personalities who made it to Princeton, N.J., over Thanksgiving for the wedding of **Victoria Seiden** and Xavier Gonin. Also present were Andy '82 and **Kathy O'Connor Sidford, Donna Kinney, Sue Bayler**, Caryn Underhill Harkins '82, **Terry Epstein**, and **Allison Burroughs**. ...**Mary Borah** has returned to Boston. In September she married Steve Gorman (Wesleyan University '82; Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies '88). ...**Leonard Adkins** is teaching French, English as a second language, and world geography at Vermont Academy. Since graduating from Middlebury as a classics major, he has received a master's in teaching (French and English as a second language) from the School for International Training and a master's in linguistics from the University of North Carolina. ...Congratulations to **G.M. O'Connell** who is one of the founding partners of Modern Media, a direct marketing and advertising agency specializing in providing marketing and direct response product and information companies with advanced media choices, including personal computer-based information services, interactive cable television, video disks, and diskette based advertising. ...**Donna Kinney** and Will Speers (Bread Loaf M.A. '84) are now the proud parents of Christopher Savage Speers. ...Keep those cards and letters coming—we want to know what everyone from the Class of 1983 is doing. Let us hear from *you*!

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Class Secretaries: *Elizabeth L. Hackett, 406 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, and William R. Hathaway, 3611 University Drive, #3P, Durham, NC 27707.*

From the response to our letters it looks like we'll have a record turnout at Bread Loaf for our 5th Reunion party weekend on June 2-4, 1989. This is a big year for us, so please try to get there. If you have ANY questions, suggestions, or complaints, or whatever else, call **Liz Hackett** (215-592-7596), **Bill Hathaway** (919-490-0918), **Kristin Smith** (617-629-2328), or **Martin Beatty** (802-388-3557) or the alumni office. SEE YOU AT BREAD LOAF!!!! ...**Stacey Chase** is a news editor writing feature stories and acting as a press liaison for the news office at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She spent the last two years at *The Sun* in Lowell, Mass., covering municipal affairs as well as city, regional, and state education issues. She also spent time working for the *Globe-Times* in Bethlehem, Pa., the *Wall Street Journal*'s Philadelphia Bureau, and the *Bennington Banner* in Bennington, Vt. Stacey lives in Montague, Mass. . ...**Mary Dolbear** is teaching high school French in Hingham, Mass. Mary received her master's in French and curriculum from Harvard University last spring. ...**Sally Burke** and Mike McNamara '82 were married September 10 in Rye, N.Y. Sally is an employee relations supervisor at GTE Government Systems in Needham, Mass. Mac is an account executive at Citicorp Mortgage in Hanover, Mass. We think they may have had a record Midd turnout at their wedding! ...**Elizabeth Eppes** married Rufus Winton on June 24. They are living in Minneapolis, Minn. ...Graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, **Steve Parton** is involved in acting in Boston. ...On June 12 **Edward Walton** received a doctor of medicine degree from Dartmouth Medical School. ...**Pamela Kurtz** married Christopher Welch on September 24. **Elizabeth Eppes Winton** was the matron of honor. Pam and Chris live in Boston where Chris is a trial lawyer; Pam commutes to the North Shore where she is the associate director of development at the Governor Dummer Academy. ...After living in Plattsburgh, N.Y., for 3-1/2 years, **John Hamilton** and wife Pamela are back in Vermont, living in Rutland. John is a financial consultant for Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc., and manages investments throughout the Adirondacks and Vermont. ...**John Fairbairn** is the one working at the Bronx Zoo. (Sorry about the past error, John!) ...**Pam Smarling** spent a good part of the summer traveling around Europe, but is back in New Hampshire now. ...**Katie Berk** is out in Missouri pursuing her Ph.D. in psychology. ...**Laura Flashman** has received her M.S. and is now working toward her Ph.D. in psychology at Emory in Atlanta. ...Bill '82 and **Jody Murray Beck** are living in New York City. ...**Alexis Gibson** just bought a condo in NYC. ...**Kathy Marryat** is in her last year at an MBA program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. ...**Tracy Weidman** and **Cliff Nelson** both moved to San Francisco in the fall. ...**Bob Woellner** lives in Key Biscayne, Fla., where he will finish his M.S. degree in marine

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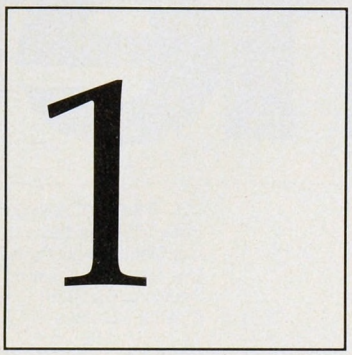

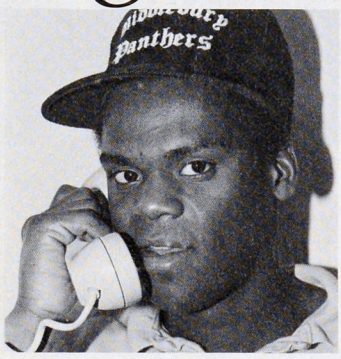

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geology and geophysics. ...**Terri Jo Webster** just began UVM's two-year program toward her M.A. in French literature. ...Congrats to **Shelley Hopkins**, who had a terrific feature done on her in *New York Magazine* in the fall regarding her work at D'Arcy, Masius, Benton and Bowles. Shelley is a media planner there for Proctor and Gamble's Crest toothpaste, an account so big that it needs a planner of its own. ...Also getting some press, **David Spaidal** of Clayton, N.Y., was mentioned in high regard in an article in the *Schenectady Gazettte*. The two-time defending ironman champion, David also won the national cross country skiing championship last winter, and headed the field for the Steinmetz Triathalon on October 2. David is an active triathlete who has not been beaten in two years. He won the U.S. Canoe Association's National Triathalon last year at Williamsport, Pa., and this year defended his title at Hanover, N.H. He most recently won two well-regarded triathalons: the Josh Billings Runaground in Massachusetts and the Glimmerglass in Cooperstown. *Triathalon Today* selected David to its All-American Canoe Triathlete Team. ...**Allison Wheatley**, who works in development at Harvard Medical School, lives in Boston's Back Bay with **Maryanne Herlihy**, who sells computer software to non-profit organizations, and Toni Mauck '85, who started a job in development with Wellesley in December. ...Don and **Elizabeth Triplett Blakelock** were married on September 17 in Rye, N.Y., with a good Middlebury turnout. Liz is a curatorial assistant for the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford. She and her husband live in West Hartford. The following news items pertain to other attendees: **Steve Siegel** is in law school in Ann Arbor, Michigan. **Adam** and **Chris Chandler Baker** are living in Alexandria, Va., where Adam is still in the Coast Guard. **Tina Nef** is in graduate school in Seattle, studying communications. **Tricia Lenehan** is attending the University of Chicago Business School. **Ann Bacot Igoe** is selling real estate in Manhattan. Allegra diBonaventura '83 married Andrew Hogan in October. ...Please send a few of your best slides of the Class of '84 to **Tom Knox** (c/o Tucker, Flyer, Sanger and Lewis, 1615 L Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036), who has offered to assemble a repeat of our senior year slide show for Reunion. Mail them by May 1 and make sure each slide has your name on it. Thanks.

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Class Secretaries: *Katherine Champion, 22 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138, and Andrew Gluck, 61 Unity Ave., Belmont, MA 02178.*

Midd 85'ers are getting married in the morning—and the afternoon and the evening. Ding, dong, the bells are chiming all over. Matrimony seems to be contagious. ...**Carole Stallone** was married on April 23, 1988, to Brian Patrick Farley at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. Carole has received her master's degree in education from the College of Saint Rose and is academic adviser for Regents College Degrees. Her husband is a deputy sheriff for Albany County. ...**Julie Hennessey** was the next down the aisle on June 25, 1988. Julie and John Niland (Tufts '85) were married in Georgetown, D.C. They met while both were pursuing master's degrees at the Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. After honeymooning in Martinique, the Hennessey-Nilands now reside in Paris, France, where Julie is employed by AT&T and John is a Foreign Service Officer posted at the U.S. Embassy. ...**Karen Southard** also tied the knot on June 25, 1988, marrying Christopher Nevin (Hamilton College) in Mead Chapel. **Maureen "Rene" Heacock** served as maid of honor and **Deanne "Dede" Crough** was a bridesmaid. After a trip to Maine the newlyweds settled in Milton, Mass., where Chris teaches science at Milton Academy and Karen is a laboratory manager at the biochemistry and molecular biology department at Harvard University. ...Next up, or should I say down, the aisle, were **Melissa "Missy" Wheeler** and **Reeve Waud**, married August 20, 1988, at the First Church of Round Hill in Greenwich, Conn. President Olin Robison performed the ceremony. Reeve is finishing up at Northwestern Business School. ...Another true Middlebury wedding took place in the rain at Mead Chapel on September 4, 1988. **Jennifer Gibson** and John Lewis '83 were married by Chaplain "Charlie" Scott and Midd grads were well represented. ...Talking about Midd representation! Over twenty '85ers were at the hitching of **Mimi Harding** and **John Owen** in Greenwich, Conn., on September 17, 1988. Those in attendance included **Sara Ramseyer, Becky Doull, Mary Weaver Renner, John Lunt, Jim Lafronz, "Nipper" Davidowitz, Paul Oyer, Don Roy Hall, Robin Willing, Laura Ottaviano, Cynthia Van Vranken, Wes Carrington, Ann Friedhofer, Sooze Johnson, Jamie Preston, Josh Paris, Martha Witbeck, Ruth Lohmann, Denah Lohmann**, and **Kim Davis Gluck**, whose husband was mean enough to work at the Seoul Olympics during their first anniversary. A quick update on those in attendance: The bride and groom have moved to a new apartment in Brooklyn Heights and continue to work in Manhattan; Becky is in med school; Laura O. is at Duke B-School (with **Lisa Olsson** and **Jack Klinck**); Wes C. was with his bride, Janice; Ann F. is applying to veterinarian school; and Jamie P. is at Syracuse Law. ...Finally our October wedding lineup: **Jan Small** was married to Jeff Pollock on October 16, 1988, in Waterville, Maine. ...**Cecil Barron** and **Paul Jensen** were married in Toronto on October 1, 1988. They are now settled in Boston where "Magic" Jensen is at B.U. Law School and Cecil is the editor of *WHERE*, a Boston magazine. ...We had a strong turnout at Homecoming, despite the horrendous weather. **Karen Heggen** is working hard at Vermont Law School and would love to hear from you at P.O. Box 68, South Royalton, VT 05068. ...**Chris Powell** has established his own photo shop in Topsham, Maine. He can be reached at 207-729-6479 at Mercury Photo. ...Others in Midd for Homecoming included **Sara van Tuyl, Jen Fisk, Dede Crough, Bill Betz, Don Hall, John** and **Mimi Harding Owen, Martha Himes, Scott Iodice, Janice Palmer, Rick** and **Sarah Dunlap King, Chris Bittenbender, Dave Shaw, Regan Remillard, Debbie Payne, Anne Shaughnessy, Mary Beth Geier, Amy Kieger,** and Kathy Harlambous '86, who is writing and living in Bristol, Vt. Hope y'all come back next year!. ...Attendance was also strong in Boston this fall at the "Welcome to Boston" reception at the Scotch 'n Sirloin and at President Robison's address. **Karen Kraus, Toni Mauck**, and **Pete Lamson** heard Olin discuss U.S.-Soviet relations. Pete L. was looking to relocate to Burlington, Vt., with consideration being given to sharing quarters with **Pat O'Donoghue** and Brian Buteau '86. **Brenda Birman, Robin Willing**, and **Jen Godfrey** helped welcome the class of 1988 to Boston. ...Just a shuttle ride away, **Johanna Glover** writes that she has moved from D.C. to NYC. Before her big move, Jo-Ma did have time to go—yes, more marriages—to the wedding of **Laura Cook** and Joe Maruca '84. ...Only an Amtrak ride away in Philly, **Dale Sailer**-man has settled in at business school at the University of Pennsylvania. Try and reach the hard-working student at 215-222-0429. ...Writing from further south, **Chris Lande** says, "I've taken a big turn down the road of career/life. I'm now over halfway through my first semester at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary down in lovely Williamsburg, Va. The world of academia and rigors of the law have actually been pretty enjoyable so far (I hope I'm not missing something). Some of the other students complain that Williamsburg is such a small town, but they obviously didn't go to Midd." Bob Bua '87 is in school with Chris, whom you can reach at 327 Merrimac Trail, #14C, Williamsburg, VA 23185. ...**Katherine van de Water-Brown** has been hired to teach first grade for the Tupper Lake, N.Y., school system. ...**David Suger** is teaching English and coaching soccer at Fryburg Academy in Br-

When four faculty members traveled to Hawaii in November 1988 for a national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, their stay provided the perfect occasion for a get-together with alumni: (from left, front row) Lynn Loomis '55, Catherine Sokil (economics), Heather Gaudreau '87, Barbara Whitehouse Jones '53, David Macey (history), (back row) Judy McCormack Culhane '72, Michael Kraus (political science), Bill Bright '71, Lance Kurata '85, Stuart Bicknell '67, Mike Green '86, Ron Liebowitz (geography), Bill Geenty '58, Bill Lucas '72, and Peter Hartikka '86.

These seven women from the Class of 1985 all were all residents of Stewart Hall during their freshman year. On October 1, 1988, Toni Mauck, Liz Dashnaw, Elizabeth McKenna, Jennifer Karin, Nancy Urner Thorburn, Deb Tripp, and Debbie Payne were together again to celebrate Jennifer's marriage to Sylvester H. Clegg III.

The marriage of Julie Hennessey '85 and John Niland took place on June 25, 1988, at the Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C., with a reception following at the Four Ways on DuPont Circle. Middlebury wedding guests included (back row from left) Claire Wrenn '85, Sara Ramseyer '85, the newlyweds, Kristin Morse '85, Sarah Dunlap King '85, (front row) Merrit Maddux '84, Tom Amos '85, and Rick King '85.

When Cecil Barron and Paul Jensen, both '85, (seated in front) were married in Toronto on October 1, 1988, many celebrants were Midd friends: (left to right) Jim West '85, Heidi Ostrander '87, Steve Putnam '86, Claire Barron '87, Sooze Johnson '85, Emily Johnston '85, Vic Preston '89, Tory Rockefeller Philip '85, Will Dana '85, Sarah Ondaatje-Mahaney '85, Lorna McDougall '87, and Jamie Preston '85.

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Class Secretaries: *Suzanne Duncan Simmonds, P.O. Box 348, East Middlebury, VT 05740; John B. Briggs, 21 Country Club Drive, #35, Manchester, NH 03102; and James H. Bromley, Jr., 829 Harriton Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.*

The winter months seem to have sent many of our classmates undercover! We only heard news from a few of you, so we expect lots of reports in spring. ...Homecoming weekend was cold, rainy, and windy, so most alums took refuge in the various downtown restaurants. ...**Jeff Seavey** has been promoted to commercial loan officer in Connecticut National Bank's New Haven commercial division. He is located at the branch in Middletown, where he and **Jennifer (Iles)** live. ...**Catherine Cassety** is in her final year at Harvard Graduate School of Design. Catherine spent a "fantastic summer in Venice working for an Italian architect," after which she traveled through southern Italy. Following graduation Catherine is undecided as to whether she will return to Italy or remain in Boston. ...Good luck to **Michael Paterniti** who has left Cape Cod Newspapers and the staff of the *Harwich Oracle* to devote more time to writing fiction. Mike participated in the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference last August. ...**Rob Gilpin** and Jan Gray '88 were Christmas shopping in Skihaus the weekend before Christmas. Rob is still with E.T.S. in Princeton. ...**Suzanne Duncan Simmonds** is enjoying her job at Skihaus, where she works in the children's department and is also the assistant buyer for kids. ...A new address for **Steve and Suzanne Mitchell Shaver**: 22555 Palace Court, #204, Novi, MI 48050 (313-348-7269). ...We hope there is more news the next time. Don't hesitate to drop your secretaries a postcard. Everyone would love to know what you are doing!

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Class Secretaries: *Dorrie Paynter, 345 East 84th St., #2F, New York, NY 10028, and John K. Zehner, Canterbury School, New Milford, CT 06776.*

Thanks for your letters. Hope you're all having a great 1989! ...**Noelle Bujold** is living in Washington, D.C., where she works for the U.S. Department of State. Last spring she spent a month visiting her parents in Australia and had a ball watching the World Surfing Championships there. ...Since graduating, **Mark Beere** has run a College Pro franchise, has traveled through Asia and Australia, has ski-bummed in Utah, and is now living with **Buckmaster DeWolf** in the Windy City of Chicago where he is an analyst for the commercial real estate firm LaSalle Partners. ...**Heather Gaudreau** is teaching Russian at the Iolani School in Honolulu. ...**Kristin Lund** is working in Cambridge, Mass., and has plans to go to law school. ...**Sarah Gordon** moved to Atlanta last fall to work with Turner Broadcasting. ...**Elisabeth Strekalovsky** has returned to teach at her high school—Milton Academy—and is living in West Roxbury, Mass. ...**Susan Hickman** is teaching Spanish and French at a public school in Wellsville, N.Y. ...In the summer, **Jeb Wallace-Brodeur** fought fires and did law enforcement for the U.S. Forest Service in New Hampshire. He then turned up as a ski instructor at Crested Butte ski area in Colorado. ...**Westy Caswell** is exhibiting her prints and paintings at art shows in Minneapolis while supporting herself by working in a ski shop. She has plans to move to Mexico this summer for three months. ...Look for **Kirsten Hegan**'s article, "Consider Consulting," in the 1988/89 Ivy League *Pillar to Post* career magazine. ...**Rob Samson** is studying at The Dickinson School of Law in Pennsylvania. ...**Phil Lawson** is teaching English to juniors and sophomores at Vermont Academy while coordinating their Nordic ski team. ...**Mary Clare Pellett** has completed her master's and teaches 5th and 7th grade math and environmental science at the Portledge School in Locust Valley, N.Y. ...**Dorcas DenHartog** has been named to the 1989 U.S. Cross Country Ski Team. ...**Sally Evans** and **Stuart Dwyer** were two of 24 guides selected by the U.S. Information Agency to travel with the exhibition "Information USA: Linking People and Knowledge," which recently completed an 18-month tour of the Soviet Union. ...**Lisa Carmichael** married William Elliott '86 on July 18, 1987. They are both studying philosophy at UNC Chapel Hill. ...**Beth Haviland** runs her own company: Mystic River Marine Services. ...**Cheri Mather** is working with troubled adolescents at the South Shore Mental Health Center in Boston. ...**Lynn Feldpausch**'s Peace Corp assignment will take her to Southeast Asia in June. ...**Tom Funk** has been promoted to production manager of Overlook Press in New York City.

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Class Secretaries: *Pam Lawson, 12 Newcomb St., Medford, MA 02155, and Jim Calise, 1047 Belmont St., Watertown, MA 02172.*

Our class is still moving around which causes problems for your class secretaries. The editors say they can't handle all the corrections we keep trying to sneak in after the deadline. We had better remind you that these notes are submitted three months before the publication of the *Magazine*. ...Midd events during fall included parties in the three big Middlebury cities in the East. The big event of the fall was, of course, Homecoming, which was—in two words—COLD and WET. But it was hard to notice down at Up's, wasn't it? Even with the rain, there was a great turnout for the halftime activities (though the game was sparsely attended). For those of you who couldn't make it, we expect to see you there next year, Columbus Day weekend. ...A news flash from Middlebury: **Sean Marshall** FINISHED his thesis! At last word he was looking forward to the Graduation on Skis in February. A list of the February graduates will be in next issue. ...A number of classmates have finally started to settle down (for the moment, at least). **Hardin Pantle** is now working outside of Portland, living with **Chris Summersgill**. ...Among the newcomers to Boston, **Stephanie Adler** is working for a marketing firm. ...**Susan Eppes, Beth Vincelette** (who decided not to go to Paris), and **Scott Frodyma** been exploring job possibilities in the Boston area. ...**Ned Parsons** is based in Boston while living on Beacon Hill with **Chad McClennan** and **Trey Young**. He sells ad space for *New England Monthly* in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. ...**Marnie Stewart** and **Lisa Suisman** are both working in Cambridge, Marnie doing research in the MIT mathematics department, and Lisa doing research at Harvard. ...**Steve Russell** is working in the loan analysis department at Indian Head National Bank. ...**Julie Chapin** and **Nancy Caulfield** are sharing an apartment in Boston. According to Julie, she is enjoying her job at Teleport Boston Corporation, a company that is developing a fiber-optic bypass in Boston and the surrounding area. ...Other newcomers include **Marla Henken**, who is working in insurance. ...**Sue Van Dyke** is living in North Reading and really enjoys her job at Honeywell Bull. ...Others in the Boston area include **Becca Martin, Chris Krug**, and **Billy Meagher**. ...At last word, **David VanLuven** and **Bill Henry** were both returning to Vermont. David had started the job search, while Bill is sharing quarters with **Melissa Tiernan,** Kevin Anglin '89, and **Burke Leavitt** in Whiting. ...**Paula**

At the August 27, 1988, wedding of Janet Zawadsky '87 and Dan Cleaves '86 at the Princeton University Chapel, the Middlebury multitude included (front row, from left) Billy O'herron '86, Clint Johnson '86, Steve Baker '87, Doug Burdett '87, Pete Ahl '87, Mike Brown '87, Darren Hamilton '87, Henry Persons '86, Pat Holmes '85, (second row) Tom Battelle '88, Jon Cabral '86, Mitzi Bockmann '87, Suzie Reider '87, Kate Gitter '87, Meredith Mashburn '87, the bride, Anne Marie Dowd '87 (maid of honor), Anne Heisler '87, Melissa Greenwood '87, Edith Iler '87, Martha Nissen-Newsom '87, Wendy Gates '87, Anne Moses '88, (third row) Suzy Thayer '88, Lisa Suisman '88, Elizabeth Raymond '87, Lissie Ryan '87, Sarah O'herron '88, Patty Ricciardelli '87, John Hersperger '86, Thom Hand '87, Brian Smith '87, Rich Desimone '86, Liam Patterson '87, the bridegroom, John Devine '87, Billy McFadden '86, Chris Parsons '87, Gene Cleaves '84 (best man), Peter Britz '87, John Bohan '87, Mark Schille '87, Miguel Fernandez '85, Pete Mills '87, Rob Ward '87, Brad Robins '86, Matt Fink '86, Bob O'herron '85, and Andrew Bustillo '85.

Middlebury friends surrounded Peter (Yale '85) and Tory Rockefeller Philip '85 following their marriage on July 9, 1988, in Greenwich, Conn.: (front row, from left) Tim Katzman '74, Rachel Kueney '87, Tom Delavan '85, Paul Jensen '85, Cecil Barron Jensen '85, Cynthia Martin '85, David Brown '85, (second row) Libby Shepard '92, Lizzie Attridge '85, Meg Storey '85, the newlyweds, Beth Rockefeller Currier '82, Erica Wonnacott, Charlie '82 and Karin VonBerg Noyes '81 (surrounded by three non-Midd friends), Janet English Browne '85, Bill Weldon '86, Martha Turnbull Higgins '85, (back row) Meg Dana Krause '79, Will Dana '85, Arthur Melville '83, Connor O'Brien '83, Jeff Maddox '85, Karin Radasch '85, Chris Higgins '83, Tracey Howell '85, Dean Jerrehian '82, G.M. O'Connell '83, and Al MacDonald '86.

Ricciardelli stayed in Middlebury after coaching tennis and went to work at Evergreen Marketing and Advertising. ...**Jeff Foster** is back in New Milford, Conn. Working for a real estate agency, he also takes graduate classes at night, as well as trying to write in his spare time. ...In New York, **Michelle Millin** is well on her way to Yuppiedom at Sudler and Hennessey; she has a secretary!. ...Other people who are moving up the New York ladder of success include **Joan Viebranz** who has now assumed reporter responsibilities at *Fortune*. ...In advertising, **Ian Williams** is now assistant account executive at DMB&B. ...**Hannah Williams** is also an assistant account executive, but she is at Saatchi and Saatchi. ...**Cinnie Vaughan** was doing temp. work at Muller Jordan Weiss Advertisement Agency last fall. ...Other classmates who have settled in New York (for the time being at least) include **Stephanie Jones**, who is working in the promotions department at *Family Circle*. ...**Kerry Yeager** is in the foundations department at Chase Manhattan. ...While **Nick Laird** is working on a project to help develop low income housing, **Nick Howard** is down on Wall Street. ...**Baret Bertea** has found an "awesome" public relations job and she is living with **Arianne Faber** in Greenwich Village. ...**Katie Grund** has taken a job at Banker's Trust. ...**Jason Rosenbaum** has been working with the Circle Repertory Theatre. ...Last fall **Jeff Benson** worked on Senator Liebermann's campaign in Connecticut, and **Frank Cardino**, while continuing law school, worked on his brother's State Assembly campaign in Albany. Also in Albany, **Mike Dubzinski** (still at Albany State), **Chris Milora**, and **Beth Zogby** (who is now an accounts coordinator for a local advertising agency). ...**Karen Schmeichel** is doing research in Lake Placid and **Stephanie Lempp** is working in Troy. ...**Liz Nightingale** is now working for a DC law firm. ...Also in Washington, **Virginia White** is working for a firm dealing with the defense contracting industry. ...**John Chaplin**, who lives in Maryland, works for another DC law firm. ...**Eric Gravley** spent the fall as an Intern at *The Nation*. ...**Kim Stone** finished her internship at the Union of Concerned Scientists in November, then took a job with the same group in January, in Cambridge, Mass. ...**Jennifer Doebler** is now working for Schmitt Medley, an economic research group, while living with **Suzie Wintsch** in Woodley Park. ...**Marianne Graveline** is in the mathematics master's programs at Virginia Tech. ...An addition to the list in the last issue of our classmates who are teaching: **Vicki Wright** is teaching at Mt. Abe in Bristol, Vt. ...In Chicago, **Susan Battey** was going to work for Leo Burnett as of January 1. She spent her fall based in California, but she traveled a lot, including trips to the Bahamas and Boston. ...**Margie**

Many sunny Middlebury faces were in Sun Valley, Idaho, on July 9, 1988, to help celebrate the marriage of Jacqueline Brown '88 and David B. Hennessy '85: (first row, kneeling, from left) Darby Brown '83, Larry Freni '85, Rodman Fox '85, Paul Bucci '85, David Morton '85, Duff Badgley '85, Chip Fisher '62, (second row) Cinnie McCarthy '90, Sharon Creem '85, Kirsten Ritzau '89, Jackie Tobey '83, Pam Lawson '88, the newlyweds, Lee Findlay '85, Ellen O'Toole '84, Leslie Manookian '86, Lisa Suisman '88, Kerry Yeager '88, (third row) Sara VanGenderen '88, Suzanne Tayer '88, Paula Ricciardelli '88, Marla Henken '88, Jeff Thomsen '83, Jennifer Kitchin '88, Doug Price '83, Leslie Admirand '88, Mark McInerney '85, Chris Brigham '86, (fourth row) Peter Bryant '88, Jeff Uberuaga '88, Jeff Scanlon '83, Bill Meagher '88, Bruce Gevertz '83, Jeff Thomas '85, David Booth '85, and Robert Bredahl '85.

Following a Mead Chapel wedding, Middlebury friends gathered on June 11, 1988, at the Dog Team Tavern to celebrate the marriage of Wyman and Laura Mugnani Briggs, both '86: (from top of stairs; all '86 unless otherwise indicated) Alex Van Praagh '87, Chris Summersgill '88, Macon Morehouse Gasque, Mary Sue Holland, Tom Mellow, Steph Lieberman, Andy Dale '87, Kathy Macmillin, Chris Langlois, Pam Shields, Pam Belanger, the newlyweds, Kathy Patrick '87, Brad Kadens '87, Robert Churchill (geography), Rowland Illick (geography), (front row, from left, standing) Dan Love, Andy Ellicot, Andy Bucknam, Larry Eighmy, Mike Kinnealey, (kneeling) Kenny Grant, Monica Briggs '89, Lisa Coe '87, and Ronald Liebowitz (geography).

McDonald is working in hospital administration and fundraising in Chicago. ...We hear that **Diana Stuart** is enjoying her teaching assignment in Lisbon, but is looking forward to returning to the U.S. ...Other '88ers abroad include **Elizabeth Edwards**, who enjoyed her internship at *The International Herald Tribune* so much that she has decided to stay on. ...**Vinnie Denniston** loves her job at IBM Paris. ...**Enrique de la Mata** is in Madrid, taking courses at the Art Institute of Madrid. ...**John Humphrey** was in Ireland working for the Irish Basketball Association, promoting and aiding in the development of basketball in the Emerald Isle, but he was planning to return in time for Panther B-Ball action this winter. ...**Michele McHugh** took part in a five-week archaeological dig in Israel, then used the experience as the subject of her guest lecture appearance in Chaplain Scott's RE105 class last fall. ...**Jordan Zahniser** and **Brian Widmann** were in Australia recently and were said to be enjoying their trip around the world. ...**Nat Saltonstall** was also in Australia last fall. ...**Catherine Smith** and **Ed Seidel** went to Nepal in January before Ed started his assignment with the Peace Corps in the Philippines. ...**Jackie Woodfork** has just started her Peace Corps assignment in Liberia. She spent last fall in Boulder "preparing for her assignment". ...A number of our classmates have chosen to relax in Colorado. **Steve Feldman** (KDR), **Mark Bassett, Andrew Waine, Peter Strauss**, and **Kenan Rand** are living together in Aspen. Steve wrote Pam and said that they had seen **Vic Sulzer** and **Alex Nicoloff**. He also said that **Ingrid Punderson** is coaching the Aspen Ski Club at Buttermilk. ...**Denver Edwards** and **Kristin Crowder** are working in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. ...In San Francisco, law firms have hired several Middies. **Leslie Admirand** has taken a legal intern job in "The City." ...Others include **John Brainerd** and **Susan Merrill**, who are both legal interns in the Financial District (and *not* working on an egg farm in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso). ...**Ellen Smith** is working for an Australian advertising agency called Mojo. She has even appeared in a Toyota ad. ...**Claire Gwatkin** is working for Emporium Capwell in their advertising department. ...**Mark Pavlovsky** is in the chemistry Ph.D. program at Stanford. ...J.B. and Susan ran into **Annie Robinson** in Berkeley while they were at a cafe with **Christa Von der Luft**, who was visiting San Francisco. ...In Los Angeles, **Chris Hrycyna** and **Roman Macaya** are surviving their graduate program at UCLA. Chris is living with **Andre Berot**, who is in the management training program at Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan in Hollywood. ...**Joni Wiester** is taking classes at UCLA while working for an insurance company. ...**Mark Miley**, who is living in Northridge, is enjoying his job with Aetna. ...**Mike Halle** is enjoying life in LA and encourages his classmates to get in touch with him. ...Well that's all folks. Pam and Jim can't do this column without information from you. We will put it bluntly: WRITE US NOW!

OBITUARIES

1916

RUTH GREELEY BARNES, 94, of Pico Rivera, Cal., on March 30, 1988. Born in Rochester, Vt., Mrs. Barnes came to Middlebury from Rochester High School. In college she joined Sigma Kappa sorority and served as captain of her class basketball team. As a junior, she was president of the Women's Athletic Association. After graduation, she taught at several high schools in Vermont. In 1922, she was married to Wesley Barnes. She lived in Pomona, Cal., until 1983, when she moved to Pico Rivera. She was a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pilgrim Guild, Widows of World War I, and American Legion Auxiliary, Charles P. Rowe Post 30. While she was predeceased by her husband and eldest daughter, Mrs. Barnes is survived by her younger daughter, Janet L. Pevehouse of Pico Rivera, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

1921

W. EDDY HEATH, 91, of Pompano Beach, Fla., on January 15, 1989. A native Vermonter, Mr. Heath came to Middlebury from Stowe High School. "Win" was captain of the varsity basketball team and was selected as a member of the All-Time All-Star Panther basketball team in the 150th anniversary edition of the *Kaleidoscope*. A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and Sages, he was also president of the Outing Club. After earning his LL.B. from Columbia University in 1926, he was a lawyer in general practice in Somerville, N.J., first with Herr and Heath, and from 1938 onward, in solo practice. He served as a Republican state committeeman, and was president of the Somerset County Bar Association, of which he was a member for more than 50 years. He also served on the Somerville Board of Education and the Somerville Recreation Commission and was for many years a Sunday School teacher, elder, and deacon of the First Reformed Church of Somerville. Mr. Heath was a member of the Princeton, N.J., chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and was a Master Mason. Married in 1921 to Dorothy Brown '18, they were the first alumni couple to be married in Mead Chapel. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Richard E. Heath of Buffalo, N.Y.; two daughters, Ann Heath Fay '54 of Media, Penna., and Betsy Heath Gleason '58 of Middlebury, Vt.; 12 grandchildren, including Karen Heath '83; and six great-grandchildren.

1924

ERMINIE OSTIGUY FARRINGTON, 87, of West Haven, Conn., on September 8, 1988. A native of Rutland, Vt., she came to Middlebury from Rutland High School. She was active in music and dramatics in college, and complemented her French major by participating in the Cercle Francais, serving as vice-president and secretary of the organization. She spent most of her career teaching English at New Haven, Conn.'s, Hillhouse High School. After retiring from Hillhouse in 1959, she resumed teaching French, spending eight years at Milford, Conn., High School. She studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, and was a member of the American Association of University Women. She is survived by a son, William Farrington of West Haven, Conn.; and her ex-husband, Henry Farrington of Florida.

1924

DONALD F. WEEKES, 86, of Wilmington, Ohio, on February 2, 1988. Mr. Weekes prepared for college at Belmont, Mass., High School. A physics major, he played third base on the Panther baseball team, and was a member of the hockey team. He belonged to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He earned an M.S. degree in physics from Amherst in 1926. Between 1927 and 1931 he was a physics instructor at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Earning his doctorate at Cornell University in 1937, he taught at Texas A&M University for 34 years, becoming a full professor in 1945. He initiated many of the university's courses in astronomy and exploration geophysics. During his career there, he served as acting head of the physics department, president of the university's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and representative to the Oak Ridge Associated Universities. He was also an officer of American Civil Liberties Union chapters in Texas and Wisconsin. Mr. Weekes was married in 1927 to Betty Boulia, who passed away in 1965. He was married in 1968 to Helen Monroe, who survives him.

1925

SARAH HIGGINS WESTON, 86, of Bristol, Vt., on September 9, 1988 in Northampton, Mass., following a brief illness. Mrs. Weston came to Middlebury from Conway, Mass., High School. She played the organ and sang alto in the College Choir and the Glee Club, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. For several years after graduation, she taught at high schools in Vermont and Massachusetts. A member of the Vermont State Retired Teachers Association, and the Order of the Eastern Star, she had served as the Eastern Star state organist in Vermont. She was also the organist for several churches. Mrs. Weston was a member of the Bristol Federated Church. Her husband, William Weston, died in 1981. She is survived by a son, Kenneth G. Weston of Bristol; four daughters, Jeanne Cook of Northfield, Vt., Constance LaSalle of Northampton, Maryanne Abad of Paramus, N.J., and Ruth Weston of East Haven, Conn.; 16 grand-children, including Alice Weston '89; one great-grandson and one nephew.

1926

HELEN WHITE ANDERSON, 85, of Sarasota, Fla., on November 1, 1988. Born in Amherst, Mass., she came to Middlebury from the high school there. She had a varied and interesting career, working at different times as a high school English and French teacher, a writer of literary reviews for newspapers, a saleswoman for a rental library, and as a librarian for several public insututions. She was the wife of Lee Anderson, who predeceased her. Mrs. Anderson is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Holden of Sterling, Conn., and Ruth Davies of Hoquiam, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

1928

ADELMA HADLEY LARDNER, 81, of Fairhaven, Md., on December 28, 1988. Born in East Templeton, Mass., she prepared for college at Cushing Academy, where she was valedictorian of her class. Active in the YMCA at Middlebury, she played field hockey, baseball and basketball, and was a member of the Women's Athletic Association. She sang in the Glee Club, and was elected to Banshee, the women's honorary society. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors, she was awarded a Dutton Fellowship, which enabled her to study at the Guildhall School of Music in England and the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. She then worked for the Girl Scouts of America, training volunteers around the United States. Named director of social activities at Middlebury, she met and married Lynford Alexander Lardner III in 1939. They moved to Evanston, Ill.,

and in 1951 to Washington, D.C. After her husband's retirement in 1972 they returned to the Middlebury area. She did graduate work at the New York School of Social Work and the Harvard Summer School. An active volunteer on behalf of Middlebury, she served for many yeaars as class secretary and as a member of the Alumni Council. She was a longtime member of the Episcopal Church, the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and various choirs. Survivors include a son, Lynford H. Lardner of Pueblo, Colo.; two daughters, Joan L. Paul '66 of Allentown, Penna., and Jane L. Lambshead '71 of Chicago, Ill.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

1928

JOHN M. MYERS, 82, of Tempe, Ariz., on October 30, 1988. Mr. Myers was a writer whose career began with the *New York World* and the *San Antonio Evening News*. He served during World War II with the Army's 92nd Armored Division. The first of his 17 books was published in 1941. Mr. Myers moved to Tempe many years ago, where he worked for two local newspapers. He was also a special lecturer at Arizona State University. Mr. Myers prepared for college at New Paltz, N.Y., High School and transferred to Middlebury after spending two years at St. Stephen's College. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of New Mexico.

1929

JOSEPH C. OSBORN, 83, of Cortland, N.Y., on February 11, 1988. Mr. Osborn was a graduate of Watertown, Conn., High School, and transferred to Middlebury from Springfield College. A standout athlete, he lettered in basketball and baseball. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. Mr. Osborn went into the grocery business after college and was the proprietor of the Osborn IGA in Cortland for over 18 years. A member of the Grace Episcopal Church, he was a 50 year member of the Cortlandville Lodge F&AM, a member and past high priest of Royal Arch Masons, a past member and commander of Cortland Commandery 50, Knights Templar, and was a past patron and member of Diana Court, Order of Amaranth. He is survived by his wife, Flora Freer Osborn; two sons, Joseph E. Osborn of North Carolina and Harold S. Osborn of Maine; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1930

NORMA HOWARD LOWERY, 79, of Mesa, Ariz., in early 1988 of liver cancer. Preparing for college at Framingham, Mass., High School and Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass., she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Married to her high school sweetheart Gilman Lowery in 1931, she raised three children, and was an active volunteer: founder and first president of the Tilton, N.H., P.T.A., president of the Visiting Nurse Association for three years in Marion, Mass., executive board member of hospital guilds, nursing associations, and the League of Women Voters. She also worked in retailing and as a bank teller. At the time of her death she was a volunteer at the Mesa Public Library, Planned Parenthood, and the League of Women Voters. Her husband died in 1984. She is survived by two daughters, Ann Lowery of Winnisquam, N.H., and Betsy Roos of Boise, Idaho; a son, David Lowery of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and two granddaughters.

1932

WILLA SMITH KRETZMER, 77, of West Hartford, Conn., on November 21, 1988. She came to Middlebury from Dalton, Mass., High School. In college, she majored in American literature, and was active in the Dramatic Club and intramural sports. She was a Sigma Kappa sorority sister. While she had planned for a career in teaching, her first job after college was as a manager at the G. Fox Department Store in Hartford, Conn. This led to a 12 year career as a supervisor of investment accounting at the Phoenix Mutual Life Co. in Hartford. A resident of Middle Haddam, Conn., for 35 years, she was a librarian in the town library for several years during the 1960s. She continued for many years as a library volunteer, and also volunteered with the Red Cross Bloodmobile program. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Minor G. Kretzmer, Jr.

1932

ADA GERALDINE (JUDIE) HALEY SEYMOUR, 78, of Thomaston, Maine, on October 10, 1988, after a long illness. She graduated from Rutland, Vt., High School in 1928. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta and active in dramatic, biology, and French clubs, debating, and women's athletics. Judie worked and studied at the Bread Loaf School of English from 1929 to 1933. She did further graduate study at Radcliffe College, and at Harvard where she earned her master's degree and was a staff member of the Harvard Growth Study. In 1933 she married Howard Carleton (Cy) Seymour '27. Their first son, Shaun Allan, was born in 1934. From 1936 to 1940 the Seymours lived in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Cy was superintendent of Indian Boarding Schools. They had active contact with Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache Indians, students, parents, and community leaders. Second son Larry Wayne was born in 1937. In 1940 Cy was appointed superintendent of the Rochester, N.Y., school system. Active in AAUW, Rotary Anns, Cub and Boy Scouts, and Faculty Wives, Judie took courses in antique designs and served as a psychometrist at the Rochester Institute of Technology. A position as superintendent of Phoenix Public Schools took Cy and Judie back west in 1960. When Cy retired in 1971, they moved to Thomaston, Maine, to an old Greek Revival house built in 1830. Her husband died in 1986. Judie is survived by two sons, Shaun of New Holland, Pa., and Larry of Broomfield, Colo.; and eight grandchildren.

—Gray and Georgiana Hulett Taylor, both '32

1933

JOHN NEWTON MCKEE, 78, of Richmond, Va., on October 8, 1988. Jack prepared for Middlebury at Mineville, N.Y., High School. He attended Middlebury in 1929-30 and then worked on the home farm in Moriah Center for three years. After that he studied at the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, receiving the B.A. degree, and continued at the University of Arkansas, where he earned his M.A. in education administration. He taught briefly in Arkansas and in New York. From 1941 to 1948 he worked at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y., Hoover, and Connecticut General Insurance Company. In 1948 he joined the Combined Insurance Company of America as a salesman, and five years later he developed a practical training program for agents, which he supervised in the East Coast from Maine to Florida until his retirement in 1981. Jack met his wife Loraine at the College of the Ozarks in 1934. They were married in 1939 and had three sons and two daughters: John, Randall, Cathy, Deborah, and Tom. Tom lives in Texas and the others in Virginia. The Class of '33 extends its deepest sympathy to Loraine and the children, ten grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and his brother, Hugh '30.

—Phil and Helen Easton Carpenter, both '33

1934

HAROLD D. WATSON, 79, of Barre, Vt., on September 28, 1988, of cancer. Born in Utica, N.Y., he prepared for college at Hartwick Seminary. Lettering in football and track, he was a prize-winning speaker while at Middlebury, where he joined Delta Upsilon fraternity. After earning a master's degree in education from New York State College for Teachers in 1936, Mr. Watson taught history and coached football at Proctor High School in Utica for nine years. He later served 20 years as the first director of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Putnam County, N.Y. His career in education also included teaching summer classes in guidance and personnel management at Syracuse University, Alfred University, Boston Universtiy, the University of Maine, Florida State University and New York State College for Teachers. He was a member of the Rotary Club in Carmel-Lake Mahopac, and was a life member of the New York State Counselors Association, the National Vocational Guidance Association, the National Education Association, and the New York State School Board Association. Following his retirement in 1970, he and his wife, the former Barbara Clarke, moved to Barre, where he served as president of the town school board. Mr. Watson had served as president of the Central N.Y. Middlebury Alumni Association and as a member of his class's 50th reunion committee. The Watsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1986. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Clark Watson of Carmel, N.Y.; three daughters, Cynthia Sheehan of Windham, Maine, Elizabeth Raphael of Hartford, Conn., and Deborah Miggins of Montgomery, N.Y.; a sister, Winifred Griffin of Schenectady, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren.

1935

ANNE STARK McMANUS, 75, of Yorba Linda, Calif., on September 18, 1988, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident while visiting relatives in Rochester, N.Y. A native of Rochester, she came to Middlebury from Monroe High School. A French major, she was active in intramural sports and was a member of the French and Spanish clubs. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She returned to her home town after college, where she did secretarial work in a local high school. She married James McManus in 1939. During World War II, she served as a volunteer with the First Interceptor Command of the U.S. Army. With her husband and first child, she moved to California in 1946, where their three other children were born. She began working at the library of California State University/Fullerton in 1962 and retired as a Library Assistant in 1975. The McManuses enjoyed a busy retirement, with travel, camping, dancing, church work, reading, swimming, and family-get-togethers heading the list of favorite activities. Her husband died in 1986. Survivors include two sons, Dana and Jim McManus; two daughters, Tricia Homrighausen and Mary Bielat; six grandchildren; a brother, and a sister, Ethel Stark Randall '42. Her youngest granddaughter and namesake, born in July, was christened as part of her rosary service, which was held at St. Martin's Church, Yorba Linda, on September 21.

1935

DOROTHY WILLIAMS POWELL, 74, of Jacksonville, Fla., on September 16, 1988. A native of Worcester, Mass., she prepared for college at North High School and Northfield Seminary. Active in intramural sports at Middlebury, she also participated in the French and German clubs, and majored in home economics. She earned her R.N. degree from the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston. A lieutenant in the Army

Nurse Corps during World War II, she served in the Burma-India theater and in New Zealand. She pursued a master's degree in nursing education from the Boston University School of Nursing and subsequently served in all capacities of the profession, including Director of Nursing and Nursing Services at Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester. She also helped her husband, Donald Powell, operate an answering service in Nashua, N.H. After her husband's death in 1966 she continued to operate their answering business part-time, while resuming her nursing career, before moving to northern Florida in 1972. After retiring in 1979, she became active in church-related activities and charitable organizations. In 1986, she was given the Nurse of the Year award by the Florida Nurses Association, District 10. She will long be remembered by family and friends for her unselfish devotion to helping others no matter what the cost. Survivors include a nephew, Harland P. Williams, Jr., of Syosset, N.Y.

1935

HYATT H. WAGGONER, 74, of Rochester, Vt., on October 13, 1988, of emphysema. Born in Pleasant Valley, N.Y., he came to college from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., High School. A member of Beta Kappa fraternity, he was active in the Mountain Club and the Spanish Club at Middlebury. He was also on the editorial board of the *Kaleidoscope* during his junior year and was a Prize Speaker during his freshman and sophomore years. Majoring in American literature and philosophy, he wrote honors theses in both departments and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Inspired by the examples of professors Reginald "Doc" Cook '24 and Vernon "Gramp" Harrington '91, he pursued a career in teaching and scholarship, earning a master's degree at the University of Chicago in 1936, and a Ph.D. at Ohio State University in 1942. After teaching at the University of Omaha while he completed his doctorate, he joined the faculty of the University of Kansas City (now the University of Missouri at Kansas City), where he was chairman of the English department from 1942 to 1956. In 1956 he accepted a position as senior professor of American Literature at Brown University, and served from 1960 to 1970 as the director of that instution's American Civilization Program, retiring in 1979. He was twice awarded Guggenheim Fellowships. A nationally recognized authority on Nathaniel Hawthorne, his books included the prize-winning *Hawthorne: A Critical Study,* (1955). In 1978 he established the authenticity of a "lost notebook" of Hawthorne's, and he wrote the introduction to the volume's publication. He received the 1988 House of Seven Gables Hawthorne Award. His most comprehensive work, *American Poets: From the Puritans to the Present,* first published in 1968 and revised in 1984, was hailed as the most penetrating survey of the course of American poetry from Anne Bradstreet forward. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Middlebury in 1976. A summer resident of Rochester for many years before moving there permanently upon his retirement, he enjoyed hiking on the Long Trail, an activity he first experienced during his student years as a member of the Mountain Club. He was a member of the Rochester Federated Church and took an active interest in the affairs of the community. He is survived by his wife, Louise Feather Waggoner '35; two daughters, Veronica Waggoner Johnson '64 and Jane Waggoner LoMonaco, both of Brattleboro, Vt.; a brother, Walter Waggoner of Rochester and Pittsboro, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

1935

ARTHUR H. WILLIAMS, JR., 76 of Bethesda, Md., on January 3, 1989, of congestive heart failure. He prepared for college at Newton, Mass., High School. Active in winter sports throughout his college years, he was a cheerleader and member of the "M" Club. He was also managing editor of the 1935 *Kaleidoscope*, a chemistry major, and a Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity brother. Joining the Army Chemical Service in 1940, he served in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. In 1947 he was commissioned in the Regular Army and over the course of the next 20 years, he served in such far flung locations as South Korea, Arkansas, Washington, D.C., Tennessee, Alabama, and Pennsylvania. He served as assistant director of procurement in the office of the assistant secretary of the Army and was on the faculty of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. As a volunteer, he later served that institution as executive director and secretary of its alumni association. Retiring in 1967 as an Army colonel, he joined the Small Business Administration, where he was an industrial specialist and program development officer for minority affairs during his 12-year association with the organization. He earned an M.B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance in 1950. An avid Middlebury supporter, he was former secretary of the class of 1935. He was also a volunteer at the Washington Cathedral. His first wife, the former Peg Collen of Melbourne, Australia, died in 1970. Survivors include his wife, Marian L. Williams; a son by his first marriage, Henry B. Williams of Gaithersburg, Md.; two step-children, Douglas B. Kennedy of Frederick, Md., and Margot K. Rupard of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; a sister, Marion E. O'Brien of Westport, Conn.; and a granddaughter.

1937

JOHN A. MACOMBER, 72, on November 13, 1988, in Atlanta, Ga. John prepared for college at the Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I. He then attended Guilford (N.C.) College, and after one year transferred to Middlebury. As a member of Kappa Delta Rho he was an appreciated, well-liked, and active member of his fraternity. He was active during his college years in cross country running and track, as well as the Drama Club and the Glee Club. He went on to Northeastern University Law School, graduated cum laude in June 1941, and subsequently was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. From 1942 until September 1966, when he retired as a Lt. Col. in the regular army, he served in various capacities in the office of Judge Advocate, being stationed in Panama, Japan, and Korea, as well as numerous posts in the United States. John then started a new career as the senior attorney for the U.S. Treasury Department in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, until he retired in November 1980. He married Rosemary Hisey in 1952 and had two sons and four daughters. His wife died in 1980 after a long illness; his eldest son, John, died in 1987. He is survived by son William Macomber and daughters Janet Macomber, Mary Jo Killingsworth, Christi Romines, and Connie Arp, as well as five grandchildren, all of whom live in the Atlanta area. During John's post-retirement years, he found no trouble in keeping busy. He was an avid reader and enjoyed golf and traveling. He volunteered to drive for Meals on Wheels and was most active in working with the Atlanta Zoological Society. He deeply loved his family, and was a beloved part of their lives. He also loved his "college on the hill" and thoroughly enjoyed his 50th and 51st Reunions. He will be remembered as a quiet, gentle, and kind man, with a quick sense of humor, and a dear friend who will be deeply missed.
—Barbara Gregory Hopkins '37

1937

SOPHIE T. SAFIN, 71, at Abbey Manor Nursing Home, Windham Center, Conn., on May 21, 1988. A lifelong resident of Willimantic, Conn., Miss Safin came to Middlebury from Windham High School. A French major, she belonged to the French Club and Mountain Club, and was a member of Women's Forum. After serving as librarian at the Willimantic Public Library, she joined the staff at the University of Connecticut's Wilbur Cross Library in 1941. She became head cataloguer there in 1945, and retired from this position in 1976. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Church, Willimantic. Miss Safin is survived by three brothers, John and Walter Safin, both of Willimantic, and Chester Safin of Eastford, Conn.; a sister, Helen Birchell of Pawcatuck, R.I.; and several nieces and nephews.

1939

HAZEL WHITMAN HERTZBERG, 70, of Palisades, N.Y., on October 19, 1988, in Rome, Italy. Hazel prepared for Middlebury at Berkeley Institute. At Middlebury, Hazel was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and roomed with "BG" Heldman (deVeer) her freshman year. She was an economics major through her sophomore year at which time she transferred to the University of Chicago, from which she received her B.A. in 1939, followed by her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. We all remember Hazel for her liberal outlook and for being an outstanding scholar. She was married to Sidney Hertzberg, an editor and writer, who died in 1984. Dr. Hertzberg was an authority on American Indian history and was the author of several books on the American Indian; she was also a co-author with her husband of a book on the United Nations. In 1963 she joined the faculty in history and education at Teacher's College of Columbia University. Hazel was also a member of the advisory committee for the educational program of the Museum of the American Indian. In 1974 she was awarded a fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and one by the National Endowment for the Humanities to carry on her work in the history of American Indian Affairs, and in 1983-84 she was a Guggenheim fellow. The Class of '39 extends its deepest sympathy to her son, Hendrick, of Boston; her daughter, Katrina McClintock, of New City, N.Y., and two grandchildren.
—Ruth Coleman Skinner '39

1940

WARREN S. CLARK, 69, of Albuquerque, N.M., on October 13, 1988. Born in Schenectady, N.Y., he came to Middlebury from Nott Terrace High School. Mr. Clark was a member of Theta Chi fraternity at Middlebury, and majored in economics, graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He spent 30 years with Commercial Credit, and had lived for the last 14 years in Albuqurque, after having been a resident of Needham, Mass., for many years. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Civic Chorale Group and the New Mexico Symphony Chorale Group, and taught at Albuquerque Business College. Mr. Clark was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Corps as a technical sergeant. Survivors include his wife, Ann Clark; a son, Lawrence Clark of Arvada, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

1946

ROBERT C. DREW, 65, of Bangor, Maine, on September 21, 1988, after a long illness. A native of Presque Isle, Maine, he spent a year at Middlebury, during which time he joined Theta Chi fraternity. He also attended Aroostook State Teachers College. A career in journalism included positions as news director of a Presque Isle radio station and a stint in public relations for Maine Public Service. From 1957 to his 1982

retirement, he was employed by the Bangor Daily News, having served as Aroostook Bureau Chief for the newspaper. A charter member of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and a member of All Souls Congregational Church, Bangor, he was an amateur pilot, an avid bowler and did considerable research on narrow gauge railroads. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Winslow Drew; a daughter, Susan Heim of Jericho, Vt.; a grandson; an aunt; and several cousins.

1965

WILLIAM B. "BEAU" PUTNEY IV, 46, of Potomac, Maryland, on December 9, 1988, of a heart attack. Beau was stricken while on the way to attend the annual meeting of a family business, the Genessee and Wyoming Railroad. On December 11, friends from the Class of '65, including Jim Murdoch, Jeffrey Alderman, and Geoff Wadsworth, attended a memorial service at St. Mary's Church in Tuxedo Park, N.Y. Jim remembered Beau "for his infectious laugh, exuberance, and vitality for life and living. His electricity touched us all." Jim, Jeff, Geoff, and Beau were brothers at Chi Psi, and Beau was the fraternity's social chairman and president in 1964-65. An economics major, Beau served as a U.S. Navy officer after graduation. He then worked for Comptek Research in Buffalo, N.Y., and Danville, Calif. In 1985, soon after the Class of '65's 20th Reunion, he and his wife, Nancy Ernst, moved to Potomac, and he began work as a data processing director for the American Computer Company in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Besides his wife, Beau leaves two sons, David (20), a student at Arizona State, and Robin (22), a student at San Diego State.

—Fred Stetson '65

1970

JIMMIE N. BROWN, 41, of Hartford, Conn., on November 5, 1988, after a brief illness. He prepared for college at Hartford High School and Suffield Academy. An English major at Middlebury, he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. At the University of California at Berkeley, he was active in the Black Law Students Association, and earned his J.D. degree in 1973. A former investigator for consumer activist Ralph Nader, he also worked as director of the Connecticut Public Interest Research Group, and had worked in the legal department of AT&T in Oakland, Cal. He was also a poet, having done readings at Yale University and at many preparatory schools around New England, and had taught English composition in Atlanta, Ga., and at the University of Hartford. He also taught creative writing and black literature at Trinity College. Appointed to fill a vacancy on the Hartford School Board in 1976, he won election to the board the following year, and served as its vice-president before resigning in 1979. He is survived by his father, James N. Brown of Yemassee, S.C.; his mother, Audrey Sutherland of Hartford; his stepfather, George Sutherland of Hartford; a brother, Jackie Brown of Atlanta; five step-brothers, Gary, George Jr., Donald and James Sutherland, all of Hartford; and his grandmother, Florrie H. Brown of Port Royal, S.C.

1973

SAM JORDAN TSIRANIDES, 36, died of cancer on September 8, 1988, at his home in Newark, New Jersey. A native of Jersey City, N.J., Sam came to Middlebury from Ferris High School. Sam had worked as a manager in Jersey City's Community Action Program, and then as a broker for S.I.A.C. Securities Exchange Company in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Gisela, his sister, Mrs. Harriet Sternberg, and many friends.

—Dean Nikitas '73

1974

GERALD A. FRANCOEUR, JR., 36, of Lanesboro, Mass., on November 4, 1988, at the Berkshire Medical Center after a long illness. A graduate of Mt. Greylock High School in Williamstown, Mass., he participated in the Mountain Club at Middlebury and on the *Campus* staff. He was a dean's list student throughout his college career, and graduated with honors in geography, pursuing graduate studies at Tulane University and New York University. The holder of a master's degree in economics, he lived in New York City for 10 years, before moving to Lanesboro five months before his death. In New York he had been a financial analyst for Spoohr, Behrins, Campbell Young Co. He was a communicant of North American Martyrs Church. He is survived by his parents, Gerald A. Francoeur, Sr., and Helen Walack Francoeur of Lanesboro; and a sister, Marcia Robitaille of Lee, Mass.

1979

PAUL O. MINITER, 31, of Jacksonville, Fla., on August 19, 1988. Reared in Belmont, Mass., he was a graduate of Belmont High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and was co-captain of the swim team. A biology major at Middlebury, he graduated magna cum laude and with Phi Beta Kappa honors. As a Middlebury student he was awarded a student fellowship by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He also participated in cancer research while sailing on a research schooner of the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole. Earning his medical degree from Tufts University in 1983, he completed his internship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and did his residency in anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was also the holder of a cardiac anesthesia fellowship. He had recently been certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and had moved to Jacksonville to join the anesthesiology staff in that city's St. Luke's Hospital. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Anna (Olson) Miniter of Belmont; one brother, Joseph Miniter of Belmont; and one sister, Gayle Miniter of Greenfield, Mass.

1987

CHARLES T. BURCHARD, 23, of Burlington, Vt., on July 31, 1988, as a result of a heart condition. A 1983 graduate of Burlington High School, where he was captain of the football, hockey and baseball teams, he was named a High School All-American quarterback and an All-State hockey player. He also captained the Vermont All-Star Shrine football team. He represented Vermont at the 1981 National Olympic Midget Hockey Camp and was a member of the gold-medal winning Eastern All-Star baseball team at the 1983 National Olympic Sports Festival. He was also a delegate to Vermont Boys' State. At Middlebury, he was a leading scorer for both the football and hockey teams, and served the latter as an assistant captain. A history major, he earned dean's list honors and received an honors grade on his senior thesis. Charlie loved and enjoyed his family, his friends, and the mountains, rivers and lakes of Vermont. He is remembered for his gentle strength, quiet resolve, and enduring loyalty to all he knew and loved. A classmate wrote about him, "The goodness of Charlie cannot be measured in goals scored in a hockey game or touchdown passes thrown in a football game. The immense athletic ability which Charlie possessed was a mere fraction of Charlie as a whole. He represented everything good in the universe." He is survived by his parents, John and Sara Burchard; two brothers, John '81 and Dan '83; a sister, Lisa; his grandmother, Dorothy Nuzum; his grandfather, Charles Burchard; his great aunts, Mary Agnes and Elda Mae Barry; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Staff

THERESA BURRITT BICKNELL, 84, of Middlebury, Vt., on February 1, 1989, after a short illness. A Bristol, Vt., native, she attended UVM for one year. At Middlebury, she worked in the registrar's office for three years and for 23 years in the alumni and placement office. During those years she welcomed back scores of alumni to homecomings and reunions. Alumni and fellow employees alike appreciated her friendly sense of humor and her ability to get things done in a kindly and efficient manner. In 1928, she married Hilton Prescott Bicknell '27 who died in 1961. Her survivors include three children, Hilton Bicknell '59 of Watertown, N.Y., Lynn Alan Bicknell of Annandale, Va., and Liane Bicknell Barrera '64 of Middlebury, and seven grandchildren. The memorial fund in the alumni endowment in memory of her husband will now include Theresa's name, at her request.

BEQUESTS

Estate of Harriet B. Blakeman $10,000 '14 to establish the Harriet B. Blakeman '14 Scholarship Fund.

Estate of Margaret E. Lee $1,000 for the general endowment of Middlebury College.

Estate of Vera White $160,000 to establish the Rev. Doctor Glenn W. White '01 Book Fund.

Estate of Lillian Becker $5,000 to Bread Loaf School of English, the income only to be used annually for scholarship purposes.

Middbits trivia answers

From page 96.

1. On September 20, 1890, Edwin Buxton Clift (Class of 1890) married Louise Hagar Edgerton (Class of 1887). Edgerton was the second woman graduate of the College.
2. On June 21, 1921, Dorothy Brown Heath (Class of 1918) married Winford Eddy Heath (Class of 1921); the Heaths later established a fund to contribute to the Chapel's maintenance.
3. According to the December 1938 *News Letter*, "Of the 270 Middlebury marriages there are only eleven separations or divorces, four per cent—and the latest divorce figure for the whole country is 16.4 per cent. There are still those who maintain that coeducation is not a success."
4. June 1938; from 1809 through 1937, Commencement was held in Middlebury's Congregational meeting house.
5. Reginald "Doc" Cook '24.
6. In 1854, Middlebury took on the Cornwall and Shoreham baseball clubs.
7. Ray L. Fisher of the Class of 1910. The baseball stadium is named for him at the University of Michigan where he coached baseball and served as supervisor of athletics for many years.
8. Fain Hackney '83.

MIDDBITS

Rites of spring

1. There have been many Middlebury couples over the years, but who were the first two Middlebury graduates to marry each other?
2. What were the names of the first couple to be married in Mead Chapel?
3. Fifty years ago, there were already 270 "Middlebury marriages" on record; what was the divorce rate?
4. Weddings weren't the only springtime event held in Mead Chapel. The first Commencement ceremonies to take place in Mead occurred in what year?
5. In 1924, what well-known Middlebury graduate led the track team to its eighth consecutive Vermont state title?
6. When did the first "Middlebury nine" take to the baseball field?
7. What Middlebury graduate pitched for the New York Yankees and Cincinnati Reds?
8. Who was Middlebury's first—and only—tennis All-American?

Answers on page 95.

Contributors: Walter Brooker '37, David Stameshkin, Mary Ruth Yoe

So you wonder why students don't take Winter Term seriously? or, Should learning be this much fun?

[1969]
01.9 Losers, Suckers and Dupes
A canon of the loser in European and American prose fiction. The course will deal with the laws of the loser's world: How do time, space and concrete objects behave in this world? The "method" will be developed in discussions and lectures on a series of satellite works grouped around four major novels.

[1979]
PY 62.9 Interpersonal Liking and Love
This course will explore social psychological perspectives on interpersonal liking and romantic love. First, in a lecture/discussion format, theories and research will be extensively covered in order to provide an awareness and understanding of factors affecting who we like and love. Such determinants include similarity of attitudes, complementarity of needs, propinquity, self-esteem, physical attractiveness, physiological arousal, and labeling of emotions. We will also learn methods of measuring liking and love. Then the class as a whole will conceptualize, design, construct, and interpret an empirical experiment on some aspect of attraction so that they will receive first-hand experience with research in this area.

[1984]
ID 27.4 Introduction to Wine
Introduction to Wine will examine in detail the geography, grape types, wine styles, winemaking techniques and wine laws of the major wine producing areas of the world, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal and the United States. Tastings will stress critical tasting and identification of major wine types. An introduction to wine chemistry will be included. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of the tastings.

From the Middlebury Dining Services kitchen:
CHEDDAR CHEESE BREAD
1-1/2 pounds dry active yeast
3-3/4 quarts warm water
Dissolve yeast in warm water.
22-1/2 pounds unbleached flour
1-7/8 quarts granulated sugar
1-1/4 cups plain salt
5 tbsp. baking soda
30 lbs. cottage cheese
6 lbs. eggs
Add ingredients to water, beat, stirring for 30 seconds; beat on high speed for two minutes.
17-1/4 pounds whole wheat flour
15 pounds cheddar cheese, shredded
10 tablespoons coarse ground black pepper
Add to above mixture, knead, allow to double. Form into round loaves, allow to double again. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour.
(Makes 120 loaves)

Feeling infirm, or Spring Fever gets a bum rap
Number of Cepacol tablets dispensed last May: 693
Number dispensed in January: 1,899

Starr Library and its branches (music, science etc.)
Printed materials, 1983-84: 502,437
Total holdings, 1983-1984: 543,233 (total holdings include computer software, films, maps, microforms, sound and video recordings)
Printed materials, 1987-88: 588,530
Total holdings, 1987-88: 730,455
Cost of books, scores, recordings, subscriptions, microforms, binding, 1983-84: $499,294
Cost of books, scores, recordings, subscriptions, microforms, binding, 1987-88: $676,966.35
Circulation, 1983-84 (includes branches, but not reserve): 83,711
Circulation, 1987-88: 96,937
Building use, 1983-84 (exit count): 309,450
1987-88: 287,433

Fine-of-the-Month club
According to W. Storrs Lee's *Father Went to College,* a history of Middlebury published in 1936, in its first years the College library was a source of revenue as well as knowledge: "Each student had to pay rental according to the size of the volume. The tax varied from seven to three cents, depending on whether it were a folio, quarto, octavo, duodecimo, or pamphlet; *carte blanche* privileges cost fifty cents a quarter." Then there were the fines, as given in the 1804 *College Rules*: for forgetting to return a book "within the time directed," 12 cents; for lending a library book to another student, 25 cents; "for every spot of ink or grease," 2 cents; for turning down a page, 1 cent ... the rules, and the penalties, go on.

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Left: The 1912 track team. College Archives photo.

James Dow '91 finished 15th in the slalom at the 1989 Middlebury Winter Carnival/Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association championships. The combined men's and women's nordic and alpine team placed third in the East, behind eventual national champion Vermont and Dartmouth.

"A commitment not only to their team..."

Kim Granger '90 was a key member of the 1988 women's lacrosse team, the first women's team at Middlebury to win the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NIAC) Championship. Student athletes like Kim must make a commitment not only to their team and their sport, but also to their studies. That demands discipline, but our athletes have found that their commitment to their teammates translates into a commitment to academic studies and to the College.

There is a growing enthusiasm for women's sports here, measurable in numbers of spectators as well as an increasing commitment from the College. This enthusiasm is reflected in the continued success of our teams; but the most important element is the prevailing attitude at Middlebury. We value all our student athletes and hope to provide the best academic and athletic opportunities for all, whether in a major sport or minor, male participant or female.

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Coach — Women's Lacrosse and Field Hockey

Kim Granger '90 goes for the goal with a University of Vermont defender on her heels.

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